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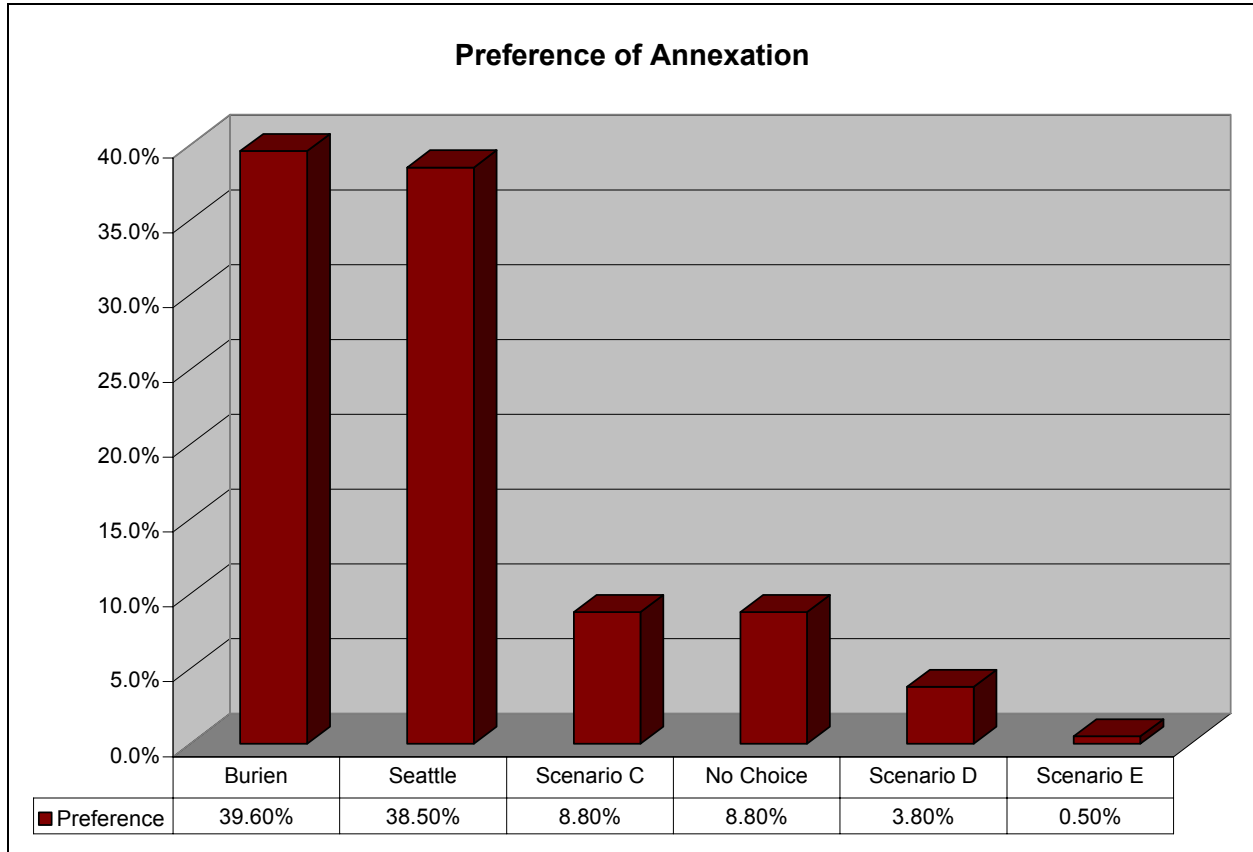
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## *Neighborhood in North Highline*

Neighborhood	Number	Percent
Boulevard Park	48	26.4%
White Center	37	20.3%
Shorewood	31	17.0%
Salmon Creek	15	8.2%
Beverly Park	12	6.6%
NR (No Response)	12	6.6%
Top Hat	6	3.3%
North Shorewood	4	2.2%
Arbor Lake	3	1.6%
Glendale	2	1.1%
Glen Acres	2	1.1%
Rox Hill	2	1.1%
South Park	1	0.5%
North Highline	1	0.5%
White Center/North Shorewood	1	0.5%
Top Hat/Beverly Park	1	0.5%
Southern Heights/Boulevard Park	1	0.5%
Marian	1	0.5%
Glendale/Boulevard Park	1	0.5%
Burien	1	0.5%
Total	182	100

## *Preference of Annexation*

The following map shows the annexation preferences of the 182 respondents. 39.6% of respondents prefer Burien, 38.5% favor Seattle, 8.8% choose Scenario C, 3.8% prefer Scenario D, and 0.5% favor Scenario E. 8.8% of the respondents made No Choice.

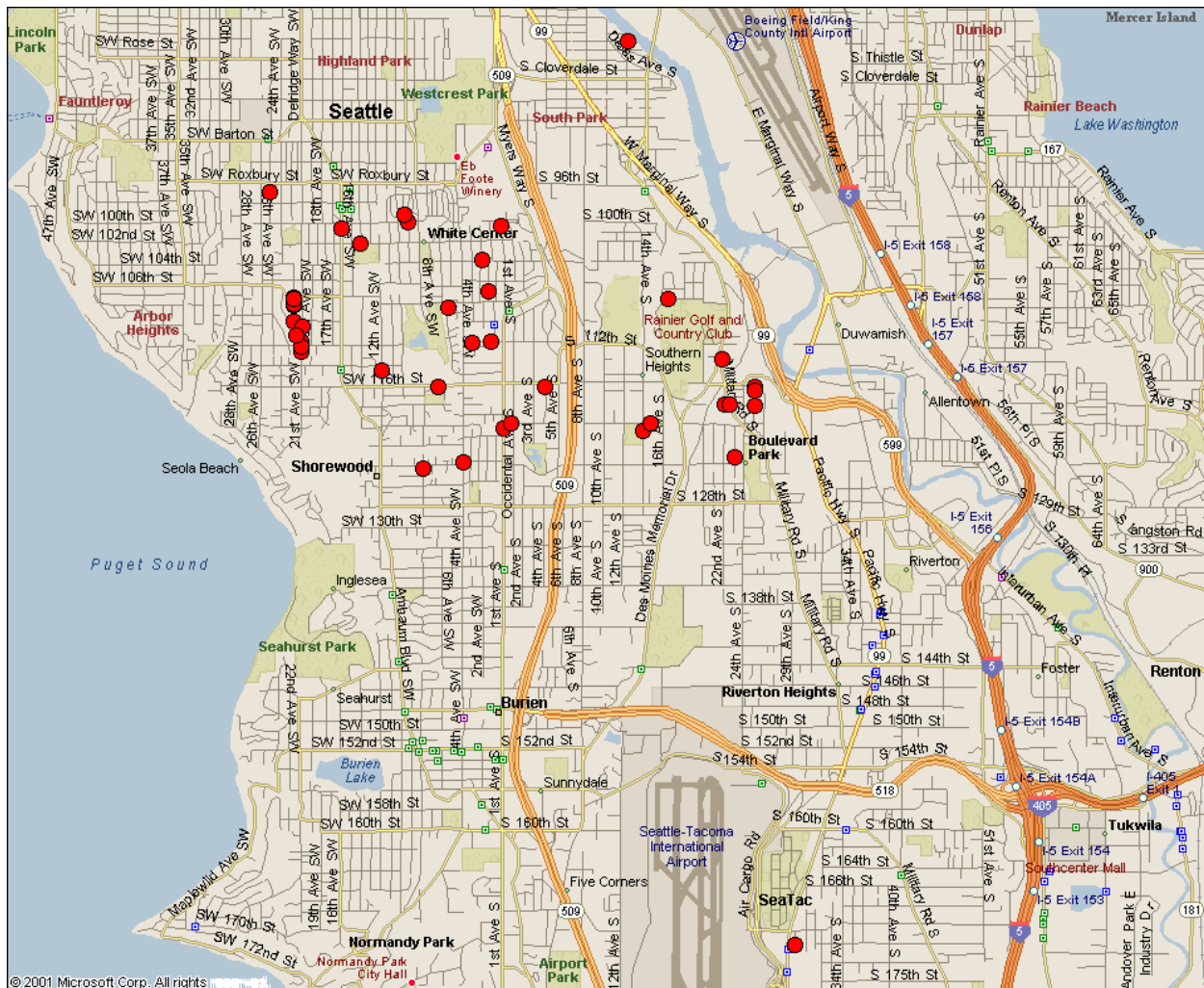


## *Annexation Preference by Neighborhood*

Neighborhood in North Highline	Code of Preference						Total
	<b>S</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	
<b>White Center</b>	19 (51.4%)	9 (24.3%)	2 (5.4%)	4 (10.8%)	3 (8.1%)		37
<b>Boulevard Park</b>	21 (43.7%)	19 (39.6%)		3 (6.3%)	5 (10.4%)		48
<b>South Park</b>	1 (100%)						1
<b>Salmon Creek</b>	6 (40.0%)	2 (13.3%)	2 (13.3%)	2 (13.3%)	3 (20.0%)		15
<b>Shorewood</b>	14 (45.2%)	9 (29.0%)	2 (6.5%)	4 (12.9%)	1 (3.2%)	1 (3.2%)	31
<b>Glendale</b>		1 (50.0%)			1 (50.0%)		2
<b>Glen Acres</b>		1 (50.0%)			1 (50.0%)		2
<b>Top Hat</b>	1 (16.7%)	4 (66.6%)		1 (16.7%)			6
<b>Rox Hill</b>		2 (100%)					2
<b>Beverly Park</b>	2 (16.7%)	8 (66.7%)	1 (8.3%)	1 (8.3%)			12
<b>Arbor Lake</b>		3 (100%)					3
<b>North Highline</b>		1 (100%)					1
<b>White Center/North Shorewood</b>					1 (100%)		1
<b>Top Hat/Beverly Park</b>		1 (100%)					1
<b>Southern Heights</b>		1 (100%)					1
<b>North Shorewood</b>		3 (75%)		1 (25%)			4
<b>Marian</b>		1 (100%)					1
<b>Glendale/Boulevard Park</b>		1 (100%)					1
<b>Burien</b>		1 (100%)					1
<b>NR (No Response)</b>	6 (50.0%)	5 (41.7%)			1 (8.3%)		12
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b> <b>(38.5%)</b>	<b>72</b> <b>(39.6%)</b>	<b>7</b> <b>(3.8%)</b>	<b>16</b> <b>(8.8%)</b>	<b>16</b> <b>(8.8%)</b>	<b>1</b> <b>(0.5%)</b>	182

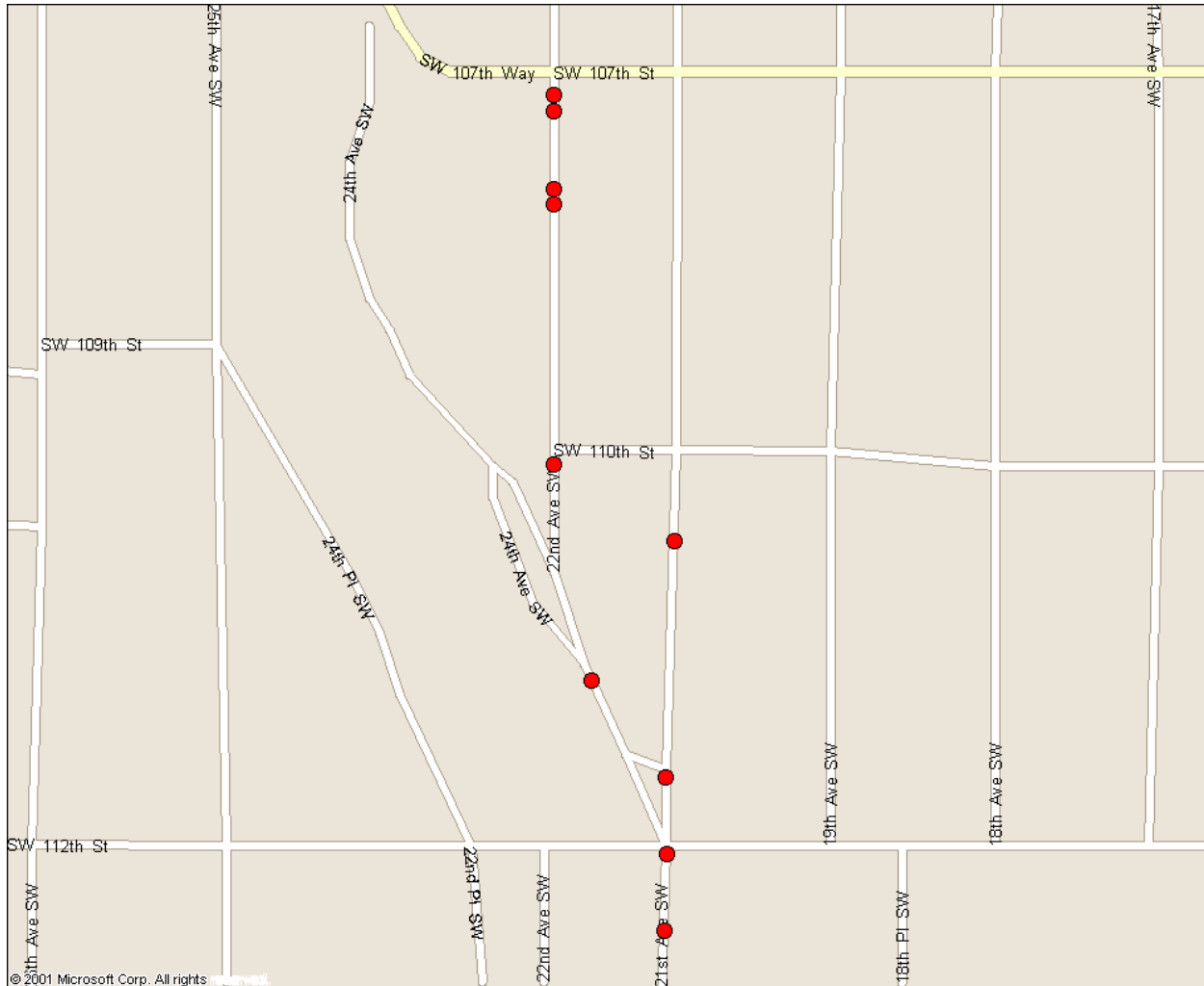
## Map of Preference “S”

The red dots represent the addresses of the respondents who prefer annexation to Seattle.



## *Shorewood Area Map in Greater Detail*

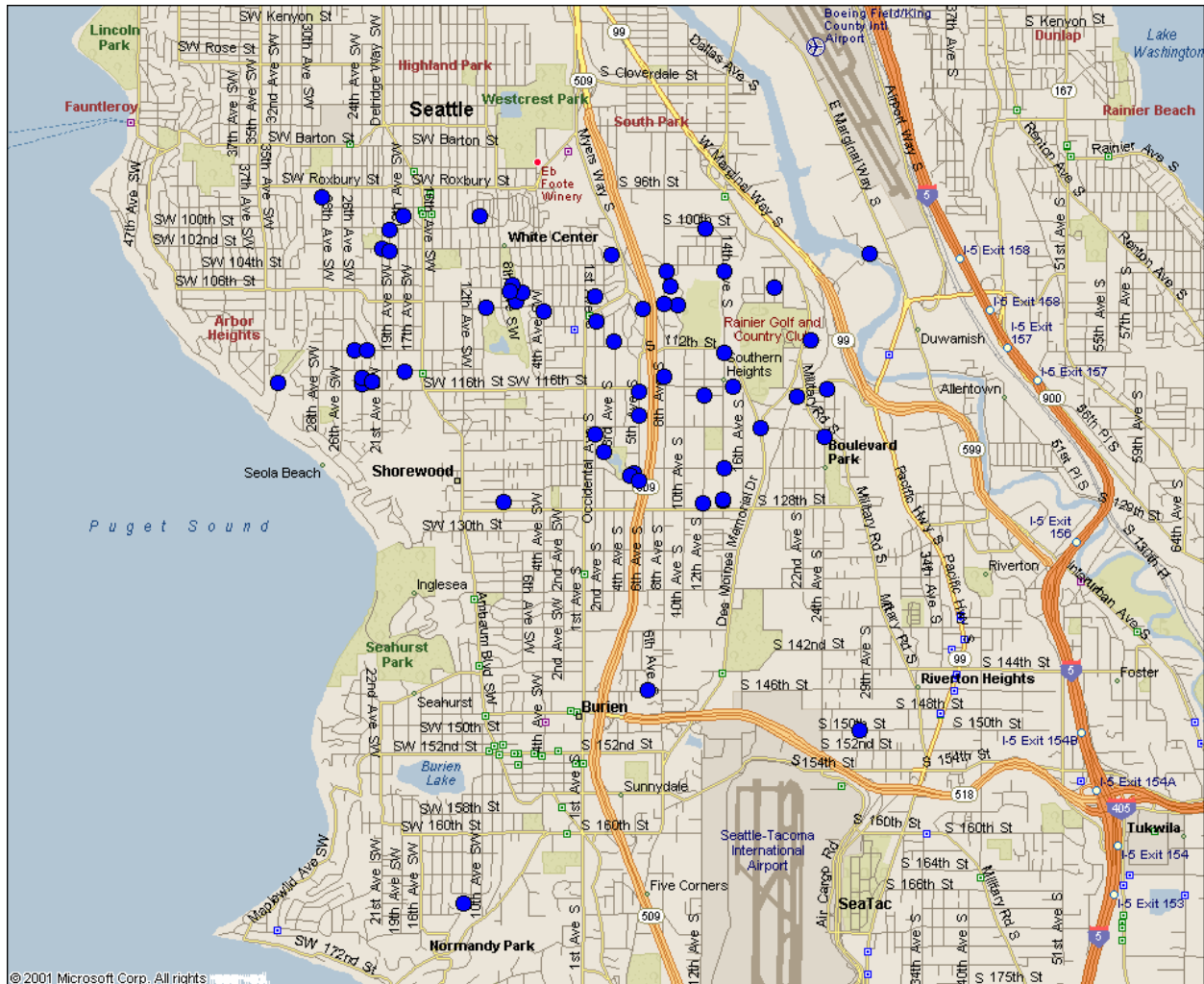
This map represents the Shorewood cluster of addresses from the previous Map of Preference “S”.





## Map of Preference “B”

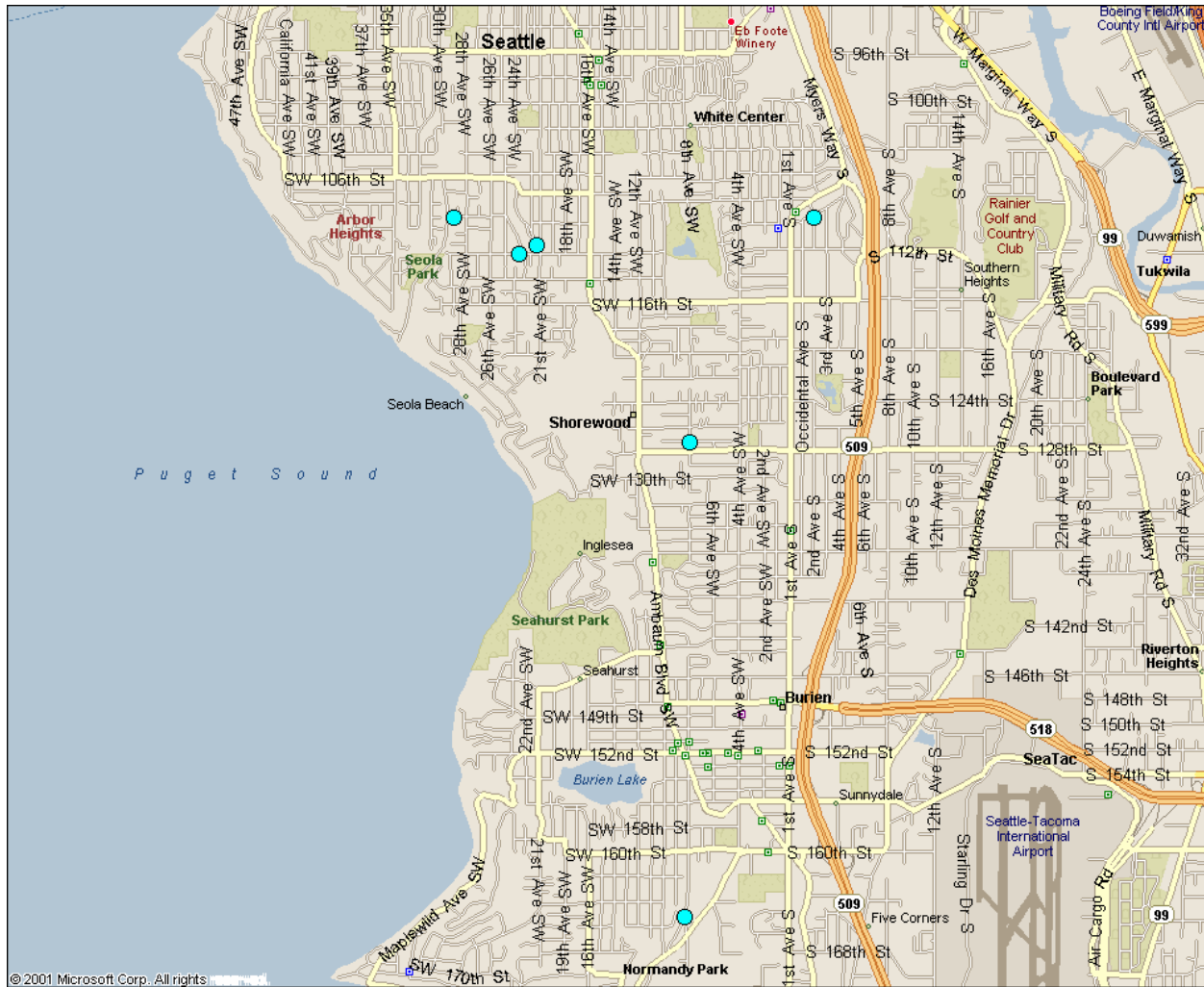
The blue dots represent the addresses of the respondents who prefer annexation to Burien.





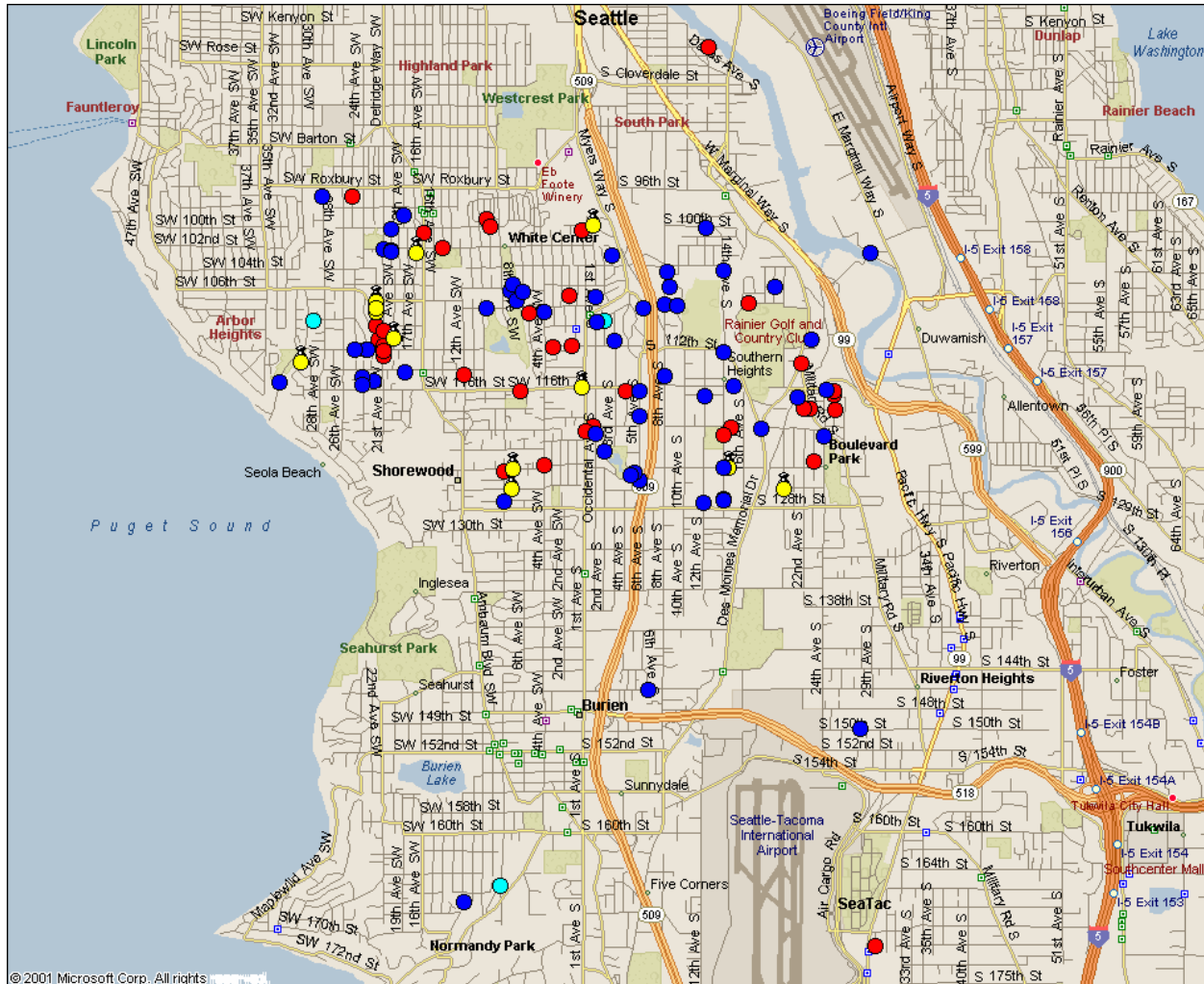
## Map of Preference “D”

The aqua dots represent the addresses of the respondents who prefer Scenario D.



## Combined Preferences: S, B, C and D

The blue dots represent the addresses of the respondents who prefer Burien, the red dots prefer Seattle, the yellow dots prefer Scenario C, and the aqua dots prefer Scenario D.



## *Arbor Lake Comments*

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *We want strongly to be a part of Burien. We are not an urban area and don't want to be so. We don't want water and sewer rates to group. Seattle has always viewed the south end as "the sticks" and less desirable. (I've lived here 56 years!) It would be hard to believe they will embrace us now.*
- *This area for practical purposes is most proximate for annexation to Burien. Main concerns are the services that may be provided that are lacking because of the economic weakness of the tax base where we are*
- *If "neighborhood" is defined as the area most frequently encountered during the week, then my neighborhood extends from 5th Avenue S and S 124th St to 1st Avenue S and 116th St with 4th avenue being my most frequently traveled street to Burien. I swim at Evergreen Park and consider Evergreen High School to be my local school since Beverly Park Elementary School moved north east. I shop both in White Center and Burien. I am on the White Center Library Guild because it is my nearest library. From these activities and involvement, I consider all of North Highline area to be my neighborhood. ( I see the Duwamish River as the northern Boundary and 188th S as being the Southern border*

### **Scenario A**

- *No way!*
- *Not the best fit for what services and community, I wish with Burien*
- *I believe that those of us whose future in this area is more limited because of age and possible infirmity, need to think of the future of this area. We have not yet carefully considered the management of population growth and care of the environment. Where are some maps showing possible "green belts". Whereas consideration regarding increased transportation and life cycle services such as child care, parks and recreation, housing for seniors (as housing for single adults?) We would have a better link to Burien than to the "great spread" that the city of Seattle would have*

### **Scenario B**

- *Best. It keeps the Highline School District together. The District has taken hit after hit from the airport.*
- *This area seems to be closest to Burien in geography and community and shopping, also library and theatre. Also closest to the governance of the area in which I live. Can also maintain waste management and not have the Seattle fees*
- *I believe all of North Highline needs to be annexed to Burien because this provides us with the structure and community necessary for the diversity of people already living in this area. I would not like to see the cultured of gentrification of Burien take place. White Center has a long and rich history in the community the arts community and now the*



*immigrant community. It is a "triggering place" as described Richard Hugo and would provide the balance Burien needs in order to meet and develop a rich and diverse city*

### **Scenario C**

- *Just fine for me, not good for HSD.*
- *No peacemealing*
- *Unwittingly perhaps, this process of examining the pros and cons of annexation possibilities has united this community. This happened, I believe, as the result of the leadership of the North Highline Council and especially that of Judy Duff and Family who demonstrated the value of open space and urban farming opportunities along with community development. (There are other fine leaders too in this group, but I did know Judy.)*

### **Scenario D**

- *Fine for me, not good for the HSD.*
- *No peacemealing*
- *Division is not necessary and will lead to some inequalities among near neighborhoods which happens every time "lines are drawn" Lets plan for the future, expand the Arbor Lake Park into a green belt, make the Evergreen Pool, High School and Hicks Lake and environmental laboratory and community meeting place. (Let's have every child in the Highline School District learn to survive and be fluent enough in Spanish to order a meal at the local Taqueria!) We already have the Shoreline "Environmental Center" at Seahurst Park. Lets do an inland water and wet land one as well. Let's bring the frogs and small snakes, etc. back to are parks, etc. and make a network of P-Patches for our area. Lets control growth and get rid of the abandoned and broken down car lots though education and economic incentives.*

### **Scenario E**

- *No peacemealing*
- *I do not believe any division Is in the current interests of this area or future growth.*

### **General Comments**

- *Don't want to be a part of Seattle! No how, now way! I am worried that I member of the boundary review board will use his position to influence the process so he gets to be in Seattle. He apparently feels it will increase his property values. I think he bulk of the residents should make the determination, not one man with his own agenda.*
- *I agree with my wife Rachael Levine on her more careful comments*
- *Seattle is a great city, which we have enjoyed and gained one living from over the years. But what of the future, given the pressing need to pay attention to a growing population and protection of the environment. How can we best provide not only spaces for recreation, rest and preservation, but also places where we can interact in pastime, supportive ways? If we learn as a community to value our own back yards and teach this*

*to our children, we will be in a better way prepared to understand and value the diverse back yards of those who live in Mexico, Afghanistan, etc. What we lack on everyday, is in some sense what we become. We need some good leaders who care about how this community will look 50 - 100 years from now as well as those who can help provide the services, protection and safety we need now. A big order!*

## ***Beverly Park Comments***

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *To maintain the services we currently have: fire, sewer, water.*
- *Basic services quality*
- *IT is most important for us to continue getting our fire and police protection during the transition period regardless of the outcome of the annexation*
- *Maintain services, keep Seattle out, growth management, no condensing. Keep decent size yards for privacy and for our kids to play!!! No big city politics!!! Keep our trees and beautiful neighborhoods of suburban value!!!*
- *Long term stability/viability*
- *I just want to live in Seattle city limits again. I lived in Seattle all my adult life until 18 years ago when I bought a condo in Beverly Park area. I miss not being able to vote on City of Seattle issues.*
- *Not to be a part of the city of Seattle!*

### **Scenario A**

- *Not at all interested.*
- *No thanks.*
- *Not good*
- *Not interested in this option you can take White Center & let the rest go to Burien*
- *No way. I grew up and live the suburbs of K.C. because I don't want to live in the city with all it's politics, taxes and condensed living. North K.C. is being called urban when in fact it is a suburb. Don't change that. We still have trees, Seattle doesn't.*
- *I favor this Solution*
- *If Beverly Park would be in Seattle, this scenario is fine with me.*

### **Scenario B**

- *This is the only option I would consider voting for.*
- *I'm fine with aligning with a smaller community where my voice and vote can be more of an impact. Seattle has enough problems that it struggles to solve and bigger in this case is not better.*
- *I would vote for this. Fire, water, and sewer service quality would continue. We would have more of a voice with Burien rather than being swallowed up in the large city of Seattle and taking on Seattle's liabilities and higher cost for more expansive social services.*
- *This would make the most sense. Also consider the businesses Burien would acquire down on the Duwamish & Blvd Park & South Park*
- *We feel this is the better choice although I feel Burien is putting too much emphasis on their town center and little will be put on us as new annexes. We would fair worse*



*becoming part of Seattle and to divide North Highline more than once is illogical. It should be a blanket change and not cause any more disruptions than necessary.*

- *To protect us from Seattle, I could go for. Otherwise, I'd rather stay unincorporated.*
- *Would not achieve long term stability or viability*
- *As long as Beverly Park is in Seattle, I could live with this scenario, too.*

#### **Scenario C**

- *No thanks.*
- *No thanks.*
- *This divides the area to be annexed best*
- *No*
- *I don't want to split from the area I shop & bank*
- *No way. Don't want Seattle any closer than it is. They bring crime with them. My daughter owns and lives at 145 W and SW 114th. I fear for protection and prosperity and happiness!!!*
- *Worse possible choice*
- *If Beverly Park remains in Seattle, this would be okay.*
- *No, too far south!*

#### **Scenario D**

- *No thanks.*
- *No thanks.*
- *No*
- *I like annexation plan above. I live so close to Seattle that I would benefit from city of Seattle services. Especially first police response time which is critical. I also think it will help my property value some what.*
- *Do not want to join Seattle*
- *No division, period!!! No to Seattle.*
- *No better than scenario on page 5*
- *Again, I live in Beverly Park, as long as it's still in Seattle, I'm happy.*
- *Still included us, not thanks.*

#### **Scenario E**

- *No thanks.*
- *No*
- *My home is marked on map X, my personal preference if annexation is forced on us is to be associated with Burien - I feel a closer affinity to that city than to Seattle. However, most of White Center Business District has a closer relationship with Seattle, so I think White Center should be part of Seattle. I have drawn a green line above sudwing my opinion of where I'd like to see the Seattle/Burien line drawn. Thanks for considering this and all the other opinions.*

- *I have nothing in common with Seattle. White Center is very concerned about services for their population that only Seattle can provide. My choice would be White Center to Seattle, the rest to Burien.*
- *No division period!!! No to Seattle. Many reasons why. Too many to write down and explain.*
- *Unacceptable at any boundary*
- *No preference, as long as Beverly Park is in Seattle.*
- *Seattle to come no further south than 102nd SW. We are 53 year residents at 840 SW 108th and have no desire to join Seattle. If White Center wants Seattle then let Seattle come only to 102nd SW.*

**General Comments (None for Beverly Park)**

## ***Boulevard Park Comments***

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *Boulevard Park*
- *Good fire and police services, water and sewer, and garbage and electrical utilities provided and kept up. Roads taken care of.*
- *Good fire and police services, water and sewer, and garbage and electrical utilities provided and kept up. Roads taken care of.*
- *The needs of the community can be met, that the community understand the changes and ramifications of the changes, that they have a say in what happens (the decision is not made by a few), and that the community understands status quo is not an option. They must make a decision.*
- *Think about the people first. Make them understand the problems that Burien has already. The only tax base they have is mostly property tax. They don't need the burden that North Highline would put on them.*
- *To stay a neighborly and close neighborhood.*
- *Keeping fire, police, and taxes affordable in road services and signs and moving the same level and staying King County unincorporated. No annexation.*
- *We supported all three attempts to create the city of Burien. When it finally happened, we are about 550 feet north of the Burien line.*
- *Keep all of North Highline together.*
- *Keep us as a whole. Annexation into Burien. King Sheriff. No Highline Fire Department.*
- *To keep the status quo!*
- *Services.*
- *Keeping everything as it is now. Obviously Burien is the only option to do that. Though, we would like not to be part of any city, which is why we live where we do. I feel that there will be a mass exodus if this area goes to Seattle.*
- *Boulevard Park will not have a future if annexed to Seattle*
- *Boulevard Park is close to Burien after legislation made it is the best move.*
- *To maintain same level of service*
- *That Seattle and Burien present all the facts inc. costs, services and future plans for the area. That our community remain intact. No dividing of the area.*
- *Reducing Housing Density, What being doe now, has increased crime, changed the neighborhood from a less stressful environment to increasing stress. - A "2" lane I - 5 that uses poorly designed that should have been designed as up to "13" lanes North & South. On 2 levels. Then took the real estate but only provided for "2" lanes.*
- *I live in Blvd Park my kids attend a private school on 26th Ave SW and we attend church in White Center. I shop and get many services from Burien. Our family love the K.C. library system. I have concerns over the level of police services the change in the library system and especially all of the utility fees and taxes plus additional other "fees" if annexed to Seattle*
- *I think I wanted be annexed to Seattle due to higher real estate value and greater access to budget and NGO's. Also, Seattle has smaller lot requirements for subdivision. We*

*purchased for our retirement and our lot is divided is of the utmost importance. Also, King County Police do not adequately serve our neighborhood and I want Seattle police*

- *We are almost Seattle*
- *I believe no separation of North Highline, I am in the edge of Boulevard Park and White Center. "Preferred Seattle Annexation"*
- *What's going to benefit us vs. hinder us.*
- *Being represented!*
- *All we want Seattle*
- *I believe no separation of North Highline*
- *We are already Seattle. So that we move to Seattle!*
- *Boulevard Park*
- *Boulevard Park all its similars are to Seattle*
- *I believe no separation of North Highline, I am in the edge of Boulevard Park White Center*
- *Pedestrian safety, police, response, keeping our local fire station! School zoning - community involvement and awareness*
- *See B*
- *Stay out of the city of Seattle. If I had wanted to live in the city limits I'd have bought a house within Seattle city limits*
- *The most important thing is to return a Seattle address. Seattle will provide better police service, higher real estate values*
- *I live by Hilltop Park.*

## **Scenario A**

- *I live in Boulevard Park and would like to become annexed to Seattle. This makes the most sense economically, and they have a wonderful depth of neighborhoods that would allow Boulevard Park to retain its identity.*
- *All North Highline goes to Seattle.*
- *Good way to go.*
- *This I feel would be the best thing for our neighborhood. It is to be part of Seattle.*
- *Good way to go.*
- *This is the best solution for North Highline. We are too diverse to annex Burien, diverse in needs. The increase in cost to all taxpayers would be overwhelming. Seattle is already ahead of most cities in understanding needs and requirements of our type of community. Their neighborhood programs are great!*
- *The best for Boulevard Park and the rest of North Highline.*
- *Seattle can not serve the needs of the homeowners in North Highline.*
- *I think this is an ongoing process, so I'm not deciding yet.*
- *Don't like it. Seattle voters will vote for any tax increase, it seems, from sports arenas to billions for roads that the government neglected for years.*
- *No annexation.*
- *I do not like this idea.*
- *Do not want to become part of Seattle. Nothing against Seattle, but I moved out here 52 years ago to get out of Seattle and become a suburbanite. My wife was already out here.*

- *This solution takes away some of our liberties (i.e., mandatory use of some services).*
- *I am anti-Seattle for Boulevard Park (i.e., pro-Burien as in scenarios B, C, D.*
- *No.*
- *Very much against this. Boulevard Park is and always has been a rural community. The changes that would occur due to annexation to Seattle would destroy a great deal of the lifestyle we have enjoyed.*
- *Not a good idea.*
- *No, being part of Seattle is not in the best interest of Boulevard Park residents.*
- *No*
- *Not interested*
- *Absolutely would not vote yes to annex to Seattle*
- *Seattle does not/or is not able to help our area. Seattle services cost too much. Our community will be lost in the shuffle.*
- *No. Seattle doesn't provide the "Bedroom Residential Community" we enjoy,. We used to enjoy a more open space, feeling with a good atmosphere with all the recreation, shopping just a few minutes away. Seattle at this time cannot pay for or supply the infrastructure it needs to attend to. And management is poor, bridges sinking, falling apart, viaducts collapsing. Not to mention the sky scrapers that are being watch for repairs, etc.*
- *This is the least desirable option and would tend to push our family to move out of the area. I do not share the values of most of the leadership of the city of Seattle and would be very disappointed with this outcome.*
- *This is what I want*
- *No separation to North Highline all to Seattle*
- *I fully believe this to be the best option*
- *Any is preferable to Burien. Seattle can offer more and the tax burden is going to be the same*
- *We choose all together to Seattle*
- *We want Seattle with all North Highline*
- *To Seattle no separation*
- *No separation to Highline and annexed to Seattle!*
- *Scenario A is the best for us and Seattle. We don't accept separation*
- *North Highline all together No separation.*
- *To Seattle with no separation!*
- *I personally like this plan for my location because it is the only plan that puts my house in Seattle. All of the other options put me in Burien*
- *Seattle is too big we would have to little voice in decision making in the affairs of the city*
- *Bullshit! I'll move to Kent or some place else before I live in Seattle city limits*
- *I am in favor this scenario*
- *We don't separate North Highline.*

## Scenario B

- *My understanding is that Burien is both a relatively new city and lacks a sound continuous revenue stream. I feel they do not have the maturity, experience, or fiscal base to take on additional responsibilities.*
- *Burien can't afford to annex all of North Highline.*
- *As state previously, Burien simply cannot afford North Highline, especially in light of their current commitments to their Town Square. I like Burien, I cannot see breaking them, or raising taxes to provide the needed revenue that would surely come from this scenario.*
- *No way, Burien can't afford anymore tax burden.*
- *Though this is a good scenario for me, I do not think it serves the needs of the north half portion of North Highline.*
- *Don't like either. Soon as Burien found out they would lose a fire station, they're interested.*
- *No annexation.*
- *Can Burien provide all the necessary services for everybody?*
- *White Center made it well-known that they did not want to be part of the proposed Burien. Let them go to Seattle if that is their wish.*
- *Best solution; keep it all together but not part of Seattle.*
- *Best fit for our community.*
- *This would allow us to continue our lives as we know them. Very acceptable.*
- *Don't think that Burien should have to take on White Center and Top Hat.*
- *Yes, annexed to Burien is a better solution for Boulevard Park for taxes and services.*
- *Yes, this is a better option.*
- *This is the only way to go*
- *This would be the best for us. We would be close to our local government and the school district covers this area, plus the rest of Burien now*
- *Yes*
- *All of North highline should be together. No splitting of community. Burien offers pretty close to same services. Burien cost of utilities, fire, police, library, cost less than Seattle. Burien can get help from US Fed. Government for low income services. Burien and N. Highline have close to the same population so N. Highline should be able to have a greater input if we go to Seattle.*
- *All of North Highline would be best for Burien and N.H people. Why? It would keep fire, police, water and etc in all the areas the same as now. Why good for Burien? The city can either try and stay small or Seattle keep taking it price at time.*
- *I prefer to be annexed to Burien*
- *Of all the choices we have that seems to be the best, I've been assured that the weaknesses that Burien will address, the present programs just need to be expanded and not built*
- *If the whole area is annexed as one this is my preference. Burien is more of a small town community feel - lots of people who've lived in the area for a long time. Consider the area community much more family oriented than Seattle appreciates the Sheriff's Dept. and their responsiveness.*



- *This is too ambitious for Burien and I am not in favor of it. I think Burien would spend the next 10-20 years from biting off more than it can chew*
- *I'm really nervous about annexing with Burien because of Burien's financial status. I don't want to annex with Burien*
- *Take all of North Highline. Don't pick and choose. Nobody wanted us for years.*
- *We would be a bigger fish in a smaller pond than with Seattle.*
- *I'll go for this. All Seattle wants is my tax dollar for less service received*
- *I am opposed to this scenario due to more restrictive lot size lower real estate value, low quality police protection*

## Scenario C

- *This has possibilities-sometimes it makes both fiscal sense and common sense to divide an area.*
- *Don't split Boulevard Park.*
- *Not in favor of this either, although I understand the logic. It does not get "me" into Seattle but helps clean up the lines.*
- *Why?*
- *Not an option for me.*
- *No annexation.*
- *I think this is a realistic possibility.*
- *That suits us fine.*
- *We believe that Scenario C makes the most sense for both the White Center area and Boulevard Park. It represents a natural extension to the east of the line that has already been established as part of the north boundary of Burien. As residents of Boulevard park, we have never identified with the White Center area but rather with Burien. When we can't find it locally, we go to the Southcenter area. We have no identification with Seattle and strongly oppose becoming part of Seattle for the following reasons: We wish to be a significant part of a small community (Burien), not a miniscule part of a large city (Seattle); Big city politics provides no say to members of small communities. Boulevard Park , which is not a metropolitan area, would have no representation; An example of our concern is demonstrated by a recent news article which indicated that King County Library would no longer support Seattle residents with the reserve-a-book program. The King County Library is superior to Seattle Library, which is why more Seattle people use King County library. Being annexed by Seattle would be a reduction of an important library service for students and senior citizens; The Seattle Police Department has been less than effective. The WTO demonstrations with rampant property destruction and murder that resulted from no police protection is an excellent example of poor leadership within the police department. If Boulevard Park were annexed into Seattle, it would become just an outskirt of the big city and receive only token police support; Annexation by Seattle would mean many changes in 9 local services, plus three which have not even been determined. Only 2 of 14 local services would remain the same, and we question that there would be no change in the schools; The recent example of the Sealth athletic scandal with no resulting penalty is another example of how big city politics works; In short, the earned negative reputation of Seattle as a large metropolitan city with big city problems does not fit the neighborhood community of Boulevard Park. On the other*

*hand, becoming part of Burien makes the most sense for Boulevard Park: Burien is the natural area to which Boulevard Park is geographically attached; Burien is a small city, which gives Boulevard Park residents significant representation; Annexation by Burien would provide the least changes in local services, with only 3 changes of 14 local services.*

- *Not good to break up North Highline.*
- *No.*
- *If worse comes to worse this scenario would be desirable as the sidewalk on the south side of my property is Burien city limits.*
- *This is also an acceptable solution. Boulevard Park is certainly more like the Burien area than the city of Seattle.*
- *Would rather be annexed to Burien, which would be okay.*
- *No, annexed to Seattle would raise taxes and cut services.*
- *No, not a good choice.*
- *No*
- *This would divide the local community with are activities (Parks etc)*
- *No*
- *Don't split neighborhoods*
- *Works for me! As I live on the south side of 116. Please go no further South. Glendale way s or s 104 might be better for the relationship to schools eat*
- *No - see Seattle comments*
- *This is a very artificial boundary that I am not in favor of. While Burien needs some slice of North Highline to pay for fire and police I think more natural boundaries exist*
- *No! You are dividing too many neighborhoods!!*
- *This would still put me in Burien*
- *The boundary follows 116th street. However, at 24 S the boundary should follow 116 Way Cast*
- *This is carp. The dividing line should be at Glendale Way*
- *Opposed as it would place me in Burien*

## **Scenario D**

- *This has possibilities-sometimes it makes both fiscal sense and common sense to divide an area.*
- *Don't split Boulevard Park.*
- *At least scenario C has logic; this one does not. It would need explaining.*
- *Maybe SW 112th and S. 120th St. but no, it's not good.*
- *Why?*
- *Nope.*
- *No annexation*
- *This is a possible idea.*
- *C or D is fine.*
- *Another bad example; best to keep area whole (i.e., not divided).*
- *No.*
- *Any division that will keep most of Boulevard Park into Burien is agreeable.*



- *Okay.*
- *No, same as option C.*
- *No*
- *I feel this would create more division- especially since we are all in Highline School district...*
- *No*
- *Don't split neighborhoods*
- *This would keep the fire for North Burien and N. Highline about the same*
- *As in the previous page #5 S, SW 112th Straight Thru - might be better.*
- *No - see Seattle comments*
- *This is another artificial neighborhood dividing boundary*
- *No! Again, don't divide neighborhoods.*
- *This would also put me I Burien, no*
- *See example C*
- *This is no better than the first one. It should go down SW 112th to Glendale Way and continue on. "X" is my house "circles" are the fire stations, neither can serve me because I would be in Seattle. Bullshit!*
- *Opposed as it would place me in Burien.*

## **Scenario E**

- *I don't care how it's divided, as long as my house can be annexed to Medina!*
- *Don't split Boulevard Park.*
- *This is simply not a choice I want to make. If it "must" be done, at least use boundary logic to go for 116th as a line.*
- *S. 120th St. to First Ave. SW goes to Seattle. Seattle would obtain two more golf courses.*
- *Leave as King County unincorporated. No annexation.*
- *No ideas at this time.*
- *Oh boy! No thanks, As I said before, keep North Highline consisting of all parts.*
- *No!*
- *Do not want to be annexed to Seattle.*
- *I think White Center is an area that requires the support of a larger city like Seattle; Burien does not have the capabilities to deal with it.*
- *Divide at 509, South Park, Glendale, and Boulevard Park goes to Burien.*
- *West of 509 could go to Seattle and east of 509 to Burien. This is a better option.*
- *If this area needs to be divided then make the division at 100th sew*
- *Don't split neighborhoods*
- *Keep Highline School District together and exhausting services*
- *I think that the White Center community is the section that uses a lot of social services and I would expect that meetings held in the White Center community would lean the strongest to Seattle.*
- *Burien is not naturally east of 509. Based on this Burien should go North on the Westside of 509 acquiring as much of North Highline as it needs to pay for police and fire. Seattle will provide better police and real estate value. This serves my family better than Burien.*

- *Everything East of 509 to Seattle, everything West to Burien! It's a natural divider and doesn't leave any communities divided. To separate existing neighborhoods would be unfair and create problems with services, etc.*
- *Use HWY 509 as the divide if the area is to be shared with Burien and Seattle*
- *See example C*
- *Just like I said on the 1st page. You people get paid for thinking. Start doing it!*
- *This is a natural boundary for Burien and my house is not within it.*

## **General Comments**

- *The county should do a better job of educating its public in various languages so that people can make informed decisions.*
- *We have lived for years in what we call Seattle. It is our home and where we choose to live. I know taxes will go up, since they are anyway; however, I believe our burden will be less with Seattle. The Seattle Fire Department and Police Department are both highly regarded and would not provide a dis-service to us regardless of the rumors. Our diversity is just as Seattle has in many communities. The programs of understanding are in place and would not need to be created. The transition would be smooth-that alone counts for a great deal! Please Seattle, it's the best solution for all.*
- *It is obvious that the multi-purposed divisions of NHUAC did not take into the account of physical neighborhoods. North Highline needs a proper division to serve the residents' multiple needs. I propose that (according to literature provided) the named Shorewood, Salmon Creek, Boulevard Park, Glendale, and South Park neighborhoods be annexed to Burien, and the White Center, Top Hat, Roxhill, and Beverly Park neighborhoods be annexed to Seattle. This annexation proposal would create a natural transition for these areas. The southeast group naturally shops and recreates south using the division of Highway 509. Most organized baseball and football youth programs use this division. The northwest group seems to follow the same geographical boundaries for the same reasons, moving primarily north for activities and shopping. The water and sewer districts will fall under 80% of one city, which will allow savings in the area of bureaucracy and regulations. Annexation needs to take a hard look at the neighborhoods and not just lines on a map. This is the most logical division for North Highline, providing pro's and con's for both sides; Seattle and Burien and the north and south neighborhoods. Thank you for listening.*
- *From comments tonight, there will be a selection on the ballot to remain unincorporated. I hope that is fully explained in clear simple language. I would prefer to remain unincorporated and not have an additional level of government. B.S. Plus, additional taxes and a host of city ordinances.*
- *Thanks.*
- *Thanks for all the information. I hope that the area remains together regardless of where annexation takes place and Seattle not preferred by me! Thanks again.*
- *We are active at SeaTac Activity Center and mostly shop at Burien Fred Meyer! I am sad that SeaTac City has no interest in our Boulevard Park area. Go Burien.*
- *Same police and fire as I have now. 2. Taxes need to be kept down. 3. Small businesses will go out of business with Seattle B&O taxes. 4. Seattle will dump more transitional housing and problems into our neighborhoods. 5. New homes stacked on small streets*

*with no improvements to streets, no sidewalks. 6. Seattle is the biggest pothole city there is.*

- With all due respect, I, like a lot of other people, just don't like this situation at all and would prefer that things remain as they are. But as things look to be inevitable, I would like this area to become part of Burien, as becoming part of Seattle would be a living, breathing nightmare from hell.*
- I sincerely hope that the annexation will allow us to continue our lives as we know them. Do not want to be part of Seattle.*
- Don't want to be annexed, should not be included in North Highline. I live under the flight path. This reduces my property values. This is going to make it worse if we are included in White Center.*
- Do not divide Boulevard Park as a community; all Boulevard Park should be annexed to Burien.*
- Annexation to Seattle will: 1) Raise taxes. 2) More difficult to for local people to talk to. 3) Be too far from the Center of government. 4) Seattle school will in time take the schools in the area they take.*
- The eastern part of Boulevard Park leans toward annexing to Tukwila, but as that isn't an option, most would prefer Seattle or to remain unincorporated. The western portion has more Burien preferences but about as many Seattle preferences. We all agree (or at least the ones I've spoken to) that we are Boulevard Park and we want to remain in the same city, or remain unincorporated.*
- I would prefer to annex with Seattle or Tukwila, but it looks like Tukwila is not an option. If I have to choose between Burien and Seattle, I definitely choose Seattle. They are a well established city with many great services. Burien is a young city and I worry that they have too many financial issues.*
- I work in Burien at Burien Honda and I've been there for 22 years and as far as 'm concerned I live in Burien. I do almost all my shopping in Burien. I very seldom go downtown Seattle. I've been to 2 baseball games, never seen the football stadium. Seattle has all this tax base coming in from businesses but they can't even fix the roads. When was the last time any of you drove from Burien to Seattle down 1st avenue S. to Safeco Field. It sucks! If I were a city mayor and had two new stadiums and shitty roads going to them I think I'd probably want to hide my head in a toilet. I don't want to live in a city that I need a 4x4 to get back and forth to work, thanks, but no thanks. I'd much rather live in Burien. P.S. It's not just 1st S go any where west, North, East or South Seattle, shitty roads, because nobody cares.*

## ***Burien Comments***

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *I work in Burien at Ruth Dykeman Children's Center. Maintaining the integrity of the school and emergency services through the annexation. Also, maintaining collaboration, communication and support for human service providers in the areas affected.*

### **Scenario A**

- *I have concern about White Center swallowed up by Seattle and losing its unique individuality, as well as having to compete for funding for programs, such as human services, against agencies already established by Seattle city funds.*

### **Scenario B**

- *Again, ensuring that White Center maintains its unique individuality while at the same time benefiting from the annexation. It makes sense due to the fact that White Center and Burien share the Highline School District and provided Burien and White Center have long histories of collaboration and walking across borders.*

### **Scenario C**

- *Seems like a reasonable compromise but still have concerns about White Center being lost if annexed to Seattle.*

### **Scenarios D and E, and General Comments (None for Burien)**

## ***Glen Acres Comments***

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *I live in Glen Acres*

### **Scenario A**

- *Possible*

### **Scenario B**

- *I think this is best.*
- *I believe my best interest is to be part of Burien. The tax structure would be better for a senior citizen on fixed income. Could not afford all the taxes in Seattle and the ones that they want to pass in future.*

### **Scenarios C, D, E, and General Comments (None for Glen Acres)**

## ***Glendale Comments***

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *Continued identity with Burien. We do not identify with South Park or Seattle.*

### **Scenario A**

- *No thank you*

### **Scenario B**

- *OK, but the small section of South Park is really part of Seattle. (Dumb city borders) line divides Hillside, South park is in the Valley - Glendale is on the Hill*

### **Scenario C**

- *Whatever*

### **Scenario D**

- *Dumb*

### **Scenario E**

- *How about east of 509 being annexed by Tukwila?*
- *White Center is divided - it needs to be all in one city. Don't divide Glendale from Boulevard Park - we are a part of it, and we identify with and shop Burien.*

### **General Comments (None for Glendale)**

## ***Glendale/Boulevard Park Comments***

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *Keeping this ("about") the same. We have lived at this address for 21 years, raised kids etc. . . We like what we have and would stay the same. We don't use many services. Fire - Cop - Roads. Vote yes on school levies. "No" sewer "No" trash. We don't want any more tax.*

### **Scenario A**

- *"No" to Seattle*

### **Scenario B**

- *Yes to Burien*

### **Scenario C**

- *No "all or nothing"*

### **Scenario D**

- *No*

### **Scenario E**

- *No*

### **General Comments (None for Glendale/Boulevard Park)**

## ***Marian Comments***

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *To keep all our present services with the personal touch we now have. Do not want big government.*

### **Scenario A**

- *No!*

### **Scenario B**

- *Yes!*

### **Scenario C**

- *No!*

### **Scenario D**

- *No!*

### **Scenario E and General Comments (None for Marian)**



## *North Highline Comments*

### **Scenario A**

- *No – Keep Seattle out of it!*

### **Scenario B**

- *Yes! With State tax Assistives*

### **Scenario C**

- *I'd like to see the Burien north harder extended to 106 SW from west (Sea. Beverly) to military ref.*

### **Scenario D**

- *Favorable*

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process, Scenario E, and General Comments (None for North Highline)**

## *North Shorewood Comments*

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *We prefer to be included with the rest of Shorewood. We've lived in our home since 1961 and have always considered our area as Upper Shorewood. We have pride in our community. Don't divide us from the rest of Shorewood.*
- *I have two major concerns, 1) property values- we know that property values are higher in Seattle than in Burien, so if I were to sell my home, it could be worth more in Seattle 2) After going without services under the King County system, I would want to be annexed into the city who is the best equipped to offer good services.*
- *Definitely we need a Burien annexation!! We are on 23rd SW and 115th- Our neighborhood is friendly, supportive community of residential homes. King County sheriff give a quick response to phone calls. North Highline fire district is well organized and community involved. Both King County Sheriff and North Highline fire district are visible and involved participants in our community. Our fear is we will lose this cohesiveness of community if we are gobbled up by metropolitan Seattle.*
- *The fact that if we go to Seattle our taxes and expense will go up. Think of the senior citizens that live in the area regardless if they are in the North Shorewood area, take in the whole area on Senior Citizens.*

### **Scenario A**

- *We have seen tremendous improvement in our neighborhood and downtown White Center due to efforts by King County parks, police, and fire. We attend the community safety meetings of the Weed and Seed area and realize the problems of the South Delridge area are not what we want for our area. We do not want the increased taxes Seattle would bring that would put some elderly out of their home and lose businesses that cannot afford higher B&O taxes. No to Seattle. Our police and fire services would decline if we are part of Seattle; these are most important to us.*
- *There may be an added burden in Seattle unless it is prepared to handle the entire area. With higher property values in Seattle, this may benefit the entire North Highline area by bringing up home values- perhaps ensuring that the area does not become a slum*
- *Absolutely not*
- *I don't agree with their scenario to go to Seattle. Why would they want this area? Mainly the taxes for their agenda that will not keep.*
- *No, no, no, no, no Seattle city taxes on utility bills increased property taxes for what? Don't think Seattle city council would govern unless more social programs were deemed necessary.*

### **Scenario B**

- *Yes! Our taxes could still be affordable as part of Burien, our police and fire services would remain intact and almost the level we have now. In Burien, we could have a voice*

*as half the population of the new city. In Seattle, as 1/5 of the their population, our voice would not carry very much. We may not even be able to get a person on the Seattle City Council.*

- *A very unwise choice since Burien is not equipped to offer services to the entire area. Therefore, people would not be better off than they are now, Manhattan areas like White Center need the service especially.*
- *If city of Burien is willing to take on total annexation of North Highline, we have no objection.*
- *This would be the best for Burien to annex all of North Highline. This would take in an area that was always known as the Highline area. Seattle is looking for tax dollars for the major agenda.*
- *Yes most sensible*

### **Scenario C**

- *No divide.*
- *A possibility and perhaps a good compromise if most agree. I do not want to be annexed to Burien, but then I would not under this plan.*
- *No, No, No. We want to be annexed to Burien! We will lose KCL and North Highline fire district. We do not want annexation to Seattle.*
- *I do not agree with this scenario. I do not wish to be in the Seattle scenario. My expenses would go up and if I need to at some expense I would possibly move to Burien even though I am a Senior Citizen.*
- *No*

### **Scenario D**

- *I like D scenario. I prefer being annexed to Burien in this small way instead of all of North Highline being included. I like the idea of keeping our North Highline Fire Station, Library, and Waste Management garbage & recycling. Also we like King County animal control.*
- *No divide.*
- *I don't see the advantage of this plan over the previous one. The small area of difference makes it seem more chopped*
- *Yes, this is most agreeable with us. Reason: We have service from North Highline fire district, keep KCL and become incorporated into a small community of Burien. Also there would be no or little change in sewer districts.*
- *I would agree this would be the best scenario for me however I am still of the belief that all of north Highline go to Burien*
- *No*
- *I prefer scenario D: This way our fire station & Library would stay with us, and waste management, too. I think Burien would be able to take care of a smaller area than a larger*

## Scenario E

- *No divide.*
- *What would be a solution between the annexation into Burien or Seattle? This wouldn't be best for Burien or it would still have the old Highline district and would give Seattle an area that they would want for more taxes.*
- *South Park to Seattle- Rest of area to Burien- Area of South Park requires more social program help and has a lot of industrial property.*

## General Comments

- *Thank you for the efforts to inform more of our citizens. As we have attended almost every meeting for the last 2 years, we feel informed and ready at this time to vote for full annexation to the city of Burien. But also we realize that many of our neighbors need to be caught up on the facts and issues.*
- *Southern Heights. This open house is well organized with good visuals, infrastructure representatives from various services. Great format*
- *We have lived in our area for over 40 years. I know this annexation process will happen. Our household was born and raised in Seattle in time we moved to Shorewood are not because we didn't love Seattle.*

## ***Rox Hill Comments***

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *Fair and honest portrayal of service differences from all aspects of the annexation process. Fact and proven data about the differences in cost of Living between all cities.*
- *Adequate emergency services, no disruption of schools.*

### **Scenario A**

- *Please no. The cost of living is known to be greater in Seattle. Fixed incomes would be greatly impacted. Services would be worse than remaining in unincorporated King County*
- *Absolutely against annexation to Seattle.*

### **Scenario B**

- *If we must be annexed I think residents of North Highline would be least impacted by Burien annexation*
- *With state funding assistance to small cities faced with annexing unincorporated urban areas, Burien has more incentive to take on North Highline.*

### **Scenario C**

- *Burien will do this to save on police and water\sewer districts. I do not blame them for trying to save their own bacon however this will only serve to divide communities.*
- *Absolutely not in favor of this. Do not divide this community!*

### **Scenario D**

- *Again Burien is acting to save themselves. Here they are trying to avoid building a fire station. But again dividing a community*
- *No! It should not. It should stay North Highline.*

### **Scenario E**

- *Why should the community suffer more cherry picking?*

### **General Comments (None for Rox Hill)**

## Salmon Creek Comments

### Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process

- *If Burien annexes this area (which is not my choice), they should assume all water lines in city boundary. Second, they also should work on annexing Southwest suburban sewer district.*
- *Belonging to a larger government, which can provide adequate services and infrastructure is, of course, really paramount to the neighborhood and it's annexing government. But neighborhood is a loaded word, and it can mean that smaller part where I walk my dog, know some or most of the people or a larger part where I shop, do business, etc. I want my (small part) neighborhood to feel much the same after annexation as it does now.*
- *Would like to maintain small neighborhood feel. Practicality of the matter is there is no clear cultural center to draw people together and no resources to generate or start such a center.*
- *I want my address to remain "Seattle" WA. Seattle is more prestigious an address. While I like Burien and am very excited about the changes coming for Burien, to me having my address be Seattle is important. Also, as a mall (very small ) developer, I think Seattle would be easier to deal with - or so I'm told.*
- *Area has closer ties to White Center than Burien. Services of street maintenance, parks and police of high importance*
- *I believe my neighborhood would be served best by being annexed into the city of Seattle. The tax base would be much larger, more amenities provided, etc.*
- *Would like neighborhood to stay same after annexation as we have lots of open space around us with King County parks to the North (Lake Garrett Park) and a smaller park to the South (Salmon Creek)*
- *I would like to be annexed to Burien as this is where I shop, the schools in Highline districts office is here (my job is at Evergreen High School). Like the current fire and police protection. Know many officers and firemen personally in both North Highline and Burien.*
- *[1] Crime - - Auto Theft, Burglaries / [2] 8th Ave, Speeding Auto Traffic / [3] Frontal Parking Space Utilized by Others*
- *12716 6th Ave. SW and 87 feet north of SW 128th. This is a four lane street (128th) and is a speed way day and night. It is at its peak from 8pm to midnight and at times vehicles are moving in excess of 60mph. We need more police surveillance and radar traps to stop these speeders.*
- *We are closer to Burien, and I think it's important to be a part of the community (Burien) we've been a part of for almost 40 years. And, for us, it makes more sense to have a city hall 5 minutes away rather than 45 minutes away.*

## Scenario A

- *This would be my number one choice. A few of the good reasons in my opinion are, first, Seattle has the power engine in the core of the city. They have the resources to furnish water, sewer, fire, and public safety. Seattle rates for water and sewer are rated so that you pay for what you use. I also like that Seattle has its own park and library systems. Also, that they have 39 community neighborhood centers, which give some local voice for the neighborhood citizens.*
- *You think of great cities and you think of their vibrant, lively neighborhoods (Philadelphia, Chicago, NYC). Seattle is also a city of neighborhoods. Unfortunately, in my opinion, North Highline does not translate into a unified, vibrant neighborhood of a big city. It is several smaller neighborhoods, and I don't know what would happen to them over time; which ones would survive and which ones wouldn't?*
- *Totally arbitrary division. Seattle absorbs what Burien did not want or would not put to original annexation vote for fear it would not pass.*
- *Please Do not Do*
- *Yes! I want this scenario*
- *I believe this to be the best option when all factors are considered. No splitting of existing neighborhoods. Clear, well defined areas of jurisdictions. A White Center Business Core not competing with Burien. Major roads as boundaries*
- *This is the option I would prefer, where all of North Highline is annexed to Seattle. (See comments on opposite page)*
- *This option would be my preference, due to much larger tax base and more services.*
- *I want everyone together, but not in overgrown Seattle either wholly or divided.*
- *OPTION #5 - My least preference of options A thru E*
- *In either case, property values will increase and this would increase tax income to either Seattle or Burien. However, Burien has a city council that will listen to citizens' comments and not on those comments and the Seattle City Council does not work with the citizen public when making important decisions and spending of citizens tax money.*
- *This is a bad choice; we don't want to be a part of Seattle.*

## Scenario B

- *This would be okay if South Park stayed in Seattle.*
- *I just do not see this possible with the budget they have, with the lack of tax base. I feel they have their plate full with Town Square. Rework to be done on First Ave. South from 146th St. to 160th St. South. With South Center being close to draw much of business from local population puts Burien at a disadvantage.*
- *Now Burien might have a few "neighborhoods", but they are not culturally, economically distinct. After annexation, under this scenario, Burien would be a little bit of everything - at least two additional business areas and a new industrial area. It seems way too urban and developed for gently gentrified Burien.*
- *I don't want to be just one more part of Seattle, but I think the realistic boundaries between Seattle/Burien are more somewhere in between.*



- *I would like to see Shorewood, Salmon Creek, Boulevard Park, Glendale, and South Park, As outlined annexed to Burien and Rox Hill, White Center Top Hat and Beverly park annexed to Seattle. I think the outlined Burien are is Primarily residential where as the White Center Area*
- *After attempting many of the meetings and listening to the discussion, I do not see a benefit to go with Burien. Not for my community and not for Burien to annex this area. I believe we would become the area that gets neglected vs. the established Burien City.*
- *Do not like this scenario!*
- *Not my first choice as dealing with Burien's management personnel has not been a pleasant experience during my 30 years as a City Light engineer. Frankly they're a pain in the butt. Also, all the planned capital improvement will impact our taxes in future, such as 1st Avenue S underground project thru main business section of Burien*
- *This is the best scenario in my opinion. We will then continue to be together. We will also help. Burien grow in a positive way. We would have added businesses that are grown and owned in this area with the owners actually living here. The schools would remain as are (no guarantee that Seattle wouldn't eventually take control of our schools.)*
- *OPTION #4 - This would require more financial backing from Burien. I assume the portion of white N of 116/112 provides less takes per capita than the portion S of 116/112*
- *It's possible and property values will increase and more tax money will then be available to provide services for the new citizens of Burien.*

## Scenario C

- *I like this one or scenario D the best.*
- *With the bill passed in the last legislature, which allows cities with less than 400,000 population, which annex more than 10,000 population are allowed to keep a portion of sales tax for a period of ten years. This would be of some help. But remember, ten years goes very fast.*
- *I am generally not a fan of neighborhood boundaries following arterials. The real line is a block or two away from the arterial. This leaves the 'edgier' bits of North Highline to Seattle. Would Roxbury not being a boundary line help? Seattle city police patrol that area? Personally, this puts my house in Burien, but is it fair to give Burien one or two best bits and leave the rest to Seattle (which is how I think of it)?*
- *Well, it's a nice straight line.*
- *Loss more Business Oriented and would Fit Better with Seattle*
- *A possibility although not based on anything, but making a straight line. Burien did not want this area when it integrated, why would it want it now? Do not see the benefit to do this*
- *Do not like splitting up North Highline*
- *Same comments*
- *No*
- *OPTION #3 - This is option three - - I prefer addition of Shorewood*
- *It's possible, but why not all of the North Highline area?*
- *This is my first choice.*



## Scenario D

- *This is okay too; like C and D the best.*
- *This scenario would make a little better way to go than scenario "C". This would allow Burien to use existing fire station. Also, some chance to compromise and let Seattle build an additional two bays on to station for Seattle Fire Department. On the other hand, if Burien had to build another station, it is just a one-time expense. This is if Shorewood was not included, as in scenario "C".*
- *In this one, Burien gets two nice bits and leaves the rest for Seattle, managing to snag two libraries. Same arguments about straight line boundaries.*
- *More straight lines.*
- *Oh please , this is a joke so Burien can get the fire station, that is well placed to serve White Center people see through this one.*
- *Do not like this plan!*
- *Same comments*
- *No*
- *OPTION #1 - This is my preferred option*
- *It's possible, but see page 4. Why not all of North Highline?*
- *I really don't care whether it's scenario C or D, but I think C would be better from a city standpoint (less impact, small because of simpler boundary).*

## Scenario E

- *I have no better idea or thought than scenario C or D.*
- *This gives Seattle the White Center and Blvd. Park business areas, which I don't think Burien has resources enough to develop. Burien gets the more suburban, residential part, which goes better with the look/feel of current Burien. Of course, how to pay for the services of those residential areas without businesses? But it's my perfect world and this is what I would like to see.*
- *Extends Seattle past White Center. Line is more naturally geographic on east end. Green Ridge area goes to Seattle Park Lake area, goes to Burien Evergreen H.S. clearly in Burien.*
- *We could draw lines all day, the fact is there are clear well defined boundaries that exist without playing - "what if"*
- *Do not like this plan!*
- *Rather see the entire area as part of Seattle.*
- *No*
- *OPTION #2 - Allow annexation to be extended East to Hwy 509 & to SW 112 on the North*
- *Scenario C makes the most sense to me.*

## General Comments

- *We have lived in the same house and property for nearly 45 years. I am very interested in what happens to the area. On preceding pages, as you can see, I would prefer total annexing to Seattle. I feel Seattle is in a better position to furnish these services of water, sewer, and parks because they have more resources. Seattle, I believe, has \$760 million budget, plus Seattle public utilities with nearly \$1 billion budget as I understand. Also, the way Seattle charges for water and sewer you pay for what you use. I think their rates are fair. If I am annexed to Burien, I will certainly do my best to be a good Burien citizen. I am one to believe that the city should furnish the people inside city boundaries with water and sewer services. And not have done this with special purpose districts. I understand the law reads that the cities have the right to assume these districts. My hope and wish is that never changes or be put in a long-term contract with the special purpose district. This is very important for each Burien or Seattle. Burien had their chance to get into the best of my knowledge. If they could not afford that my question is, "How can they now afford to annex 32,000 people?"*
- *It is clear that I favor Seattle for the entire area. Burien seems to scrambling so they can avoid higher police and fire costs for themselves. The NHJA would be much better off with Seattle, and Burien might be better off also, if the NHJA goes to Seattle. If the people in positions at the fire Dept. cannot figure out how contract with Seattle. For the north Burien area, get some who can. It looks like Seattle could apply the contract revenue for this, this would also save the stupid waste of building another station so close to one that functions well.*
- *I feel we in the Salmon Creek area would get more representation for any of our concerns if we became (annexed to) part of Burien then becoming a part of Seattle*

## Shorewood Comments

### Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process

- *It's critical that our neighborhood be annexed into (or just remain) in the city of Seattle, not Burien. We moved to the area to become part of the Seattle community; our extended family and my step-daughter live in (West) Seattle, and we want to remain part of that neighborhood. We work and live in Seattle, not Burien.*
- *I'm disappointed with the poor management of Seattle. I don't care about Burien having the services for welfare, etc. people. If Seattle takes White Center, the crime area north of Roxbury Street will grow and many more police will be needed.*
- *I'm in the Shorewood area just across 116th from Burien. I prefer to be a part of Burien to keep the neighborhood intact.*
- *Most important considerations: 1. providing at least current or better law of public goods and services (i.e., fire, police, sewer, transportation). 2. Not have significant increases in property tax and housing costs. 3. Impact on school districts and quality of education.*
- *Important to keep same police, fire, & library. Since the schools are Highline, we should go with Burien*
- *Our neighborhood is at the orange marker. We live in the Seola Beach neighborhood, which at this time is divided between Burien and unincorporated King County. What is most important about its future during the annexation process is that it ultimately becomes untied (again) within the city limits of Burien.*
- *We feel it is important to have this area remain part of the city of Seattle partly to ensure the proper growth and development that Burien can not offer. I do not believe Burien would give this neighborhood proper attention as it would be a conflict of interest in its own development in its business district. We moved here to be part of Seattle, not Burien*
- *I think it is important to get the citizens have a voice and consider all services and quality of life effected by the choice*
- *Improve police and emergency services the development of "downtown" White Center. Serve the diverse cultures in the city*
- *The development of downtown White Center and services for our immigrant population. Expanded police and emergency services*
- *Shorewood/White Center. We purchased our property because of the Seattle address. We do not want to lose our Seattle identity*
- *I would like to see an improvement in recreation areas (maintenance, supervision, etc.) and will overall law enforcement*
- *Shorewood/White Center. We purchased our property because of the Seattle address. We do not want to lose our Seattle identity*
- *Homeowners at present address since 1967. Favor annexation to Burien for my area. See possible scenarios 4 & 5 - My neighborhood needs traffic circles, code enforcement, architectural standards equal to/or better than Seattle's crime control , for car thefts, and mail theft; well maintained quality street landscaping. Bus shelters and transit center need to be kept clean and safe.*
- *Stay as part of Seattle*

- *I believe a neighborhood will sustain high property values by keeping a Seattle address.*
- *Most important issues are ensuring commercial district is not ignored. Property value should be analyzed (for Burien vs. Seattle).*
- *Most important is not to be in the Seattle city limits.*

## Scenario A

- *This option is completely acceptable, and I would support this.*
- *This is the worst choice.*
- *I don't want to be in Seattle.*
- *Do not want to be annexed to Seattle. Do not trust the motives of the mayor and city council (politics benefits) and increased property tax. Concerns about increased response times for fires and police, increased cost of public utilities, i.e., sewer.*
- *NO!!!*
- *NO!!! NO!!! NO!!! NO!!! NO!!! NO!!! NO!!! NO!!! NO!!! NO!!! NO!!! One Hundred thousand million billion trillion times!!! NO!!!*
- *Yes! This is an acceptable option*
- *I am opposed to living in the city of Seattle. I do not think increased property value is worth all we would lose. The city is not responsive to individual concerns. The police dept. has the luxury of choosing what they will respond to. In most cases they do not respond at all. They will mail you a form to fill out. If you've ever been a victim of a criminal - even a property crime - having an officer in person handle it at least makes you think someone cares. I purposefully did not live in Seattle. If we go to Burien it is the King County Sheriffs Officer who will respond to crimes and they do come out. The city of Burien is responsive to day to day quality of life concerns*
- *I prefer annexation with Seattle. I believe the people in White Center would be better served by Seattle*
- *I would prefer to be annexed to Seattle*
- *This will work for us*
- *I would like to be annexed to Seattle*
- *This will work for us*
- *Not acceptable*
- *This would be my last choice*
- *All to Seattle*
- *Yes, we want to stay as part of Seattle*
- *This plan seems like the best plane because it keeps existing neighborhoods intact (such as Boulevard Park). City of Seattle has more services and ability to efficiently annex than Burien does. Burien has no development plan for the 16th Ave. commercial area that encourages density and building codes that de-emphasize vehicles and parking lots.*
- *Seattle would be good. I like the address*
- *We want Seattle*
- *Leaves Shorewood on the Sound isolated from Burien. Better to split on 116th. Salmon Creek becomes isolated from Seattle.*
- *No.*

## Scenario B

- *This is unacceptable to me. This is not the neighborhood (city) we purchased our home in. I would consider moving if this annexation occurs. All of our activities (work, family) are in West Seattle or Seattle. We have no association with Burien or any cities to the south of our neighborhood.*
- *Best choice in police, fire, taxes.*
- *Not in favor of being in Seattle, so this option would be fine. We would continue to be a part of the neighborhood we've always been and continue to have the services. I agree with Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, "we should choose to annex to Burien!" We are senior citizens and don't want to be paying out anymore than we have to in taxes and services. My first choice is B!*
- *My first choice is Scenario B.*
- *Since Burien and North Highline already share the same fire and police services, this would seem to be a more cost-effective option. Also, the socio-economic elements are similar between the two geographical areas. If the two areas were joined, a bigger tax base would result, benefiting more people.*
- *2nd Choice - Most of our service are tied to Burien*
- *Yes! (Or alternate scenarios E1 or E2) Peace of mind taking care of by the services we no enjoy. Also knowing we will have a voice. That will be heard in local government. Burien will gain a larger tax base through business and property taxes. Jobs will be created within the Burien police department and other city departments*
- *No, not acceptable. We have no desire to be annexed to Burien. We feel much more part of Seattle and our family and work is in Seattle. I have studies this concept and have seen no reasonable argument presented to support annexation to Burien*
- *Let's go to Burien*
- *Not to be annexed to Burien. Burien has not shown to be responsible in their urban development plan!*
- *No to Burien*
- *This will not work for us.*
- *First choice*
- *This would be 1st choice, but page 6 is my choice if the area is divided.*
- *Next To Last Choice... White Center folks have been vocal about remaining connected to Seattle, on account of perceived availability of support services in Seattle. Burien may not have funds to provide such services.*
- *No.*
- *No*
- *I believe this would be an extreme burden for Burien.*
- *Bad plan. This annexation will significantly increase the size of Burien and there will be a lag in service as Burien increases staff and services to compensate. Burien has not looked at how the 16th Ave. commercial core will be developed when they have already made a significant investment in their own downtown. What does that make 16th?*
- *No thanks*
- *We do not want Burien*
- *Burien is not ready to grow and cover the low income areas well.*

- *Okay, but I don't think Burien should shoulder the whole responsibility. Why isn't Tukwila and SeaTac looking at the areas east of 509.*

## Scenario C

- *This is acceptable to me.*
- *No. No. No. No.*
- *No.*
- *Prefer Scenario B.*
- *This is the possible scenario that works best for my family. I would like annexed to Seattle*
- *NO!!!!!!!!!!*
- *NO - Selfishly it excluded our home. In the bigger picture, it excludes the business tax base of the area in question (all of North Highline)*
- *This would be OK, but no ideal*
- *It should be all or nothing.*
- *Scenario A is my preference*
- *I prefer scenario A*
- *This will work for us*
- *Not acceptable*
- *3rd Choice - Burien could use higher tax revenue from N. Shorewood*
- *Yes!*
- *Yes, leave N of SW 116th St part Seattle*
- *I believe this arrangement would work the best for all.*
- *We work in Seattle area and need child care. With some child care centers you need to have your home address in Seattle city limits. Keeping our Seattle address is very important we think in the re-sale of our house.*
- *This seems like a decent compromise. It retains the commercial core in Seattle and gives Burien a sizable but manageable increase in population.*
- *That would work*
- *Ok. This would be fine*
- *Makes sense. 116th is a good, clear demarcation line. I would like to see this come to pass! Seattle would need a fire station to cover this area!*
- *This would put me in the Seattle city limits. Again, no.*

## Scenario D

- *This is acceptable. However, I believe that all of Shorewood should be annexed to Seattle.*
- *Okay, but lets the Seattle mess 1.5 blocks from my house.*
- *This Scenario D is my second choice as I prefer that I remain a part of Shorewood to be in Burien. The police and fire services we now have are satisfactory, and I do my shopping in Burien. I do not want to be a part of Seattle.*
- *Scenario D is my second choice.*
- *Prefer Scenario B.*



- *3rd Choice - (Better than being annexed to Seattle)*
- *This is better than options A or C because it puts our home in Burien, but there are better options. Once again, this option excludes the North Highline business tax base.*
- *NO, All Shorewood should be annexed to Seattle*
- *All or nothing*
- *I prefer scenario A*
- *This will not work for us*
- *2nd choice*
- *This is my choice if the area does not all go to Burien.*
- *Yes - or, if sufficient population to be eligible for gout funding/ incentives - OPTION #5*
- *No.*
- *No, we want to keep the fire dept. as part of Seattle = better option to divide at N of SW 116th St*
- *This does not make as much sense as option C. Why add those two blocks?*
- *This does not work. I want to go to Seattle*
- *No, I want Seattle*
- *Bad idea. Large isolation strip. Burien would not service well. See Shorewood.*
- *If the boundary review board would use the back property line so the street would be in the same city as the houses on both sides, and SW 112th would be in Burien, I would be okay with this one.*

## **Scenario E**

- *Scenario C is the largest annexation I would recommend for Burien (see comments on back); a smaller section would likely be better.*
- *Scenario E is fine.*
- *Prefer Scenario B.*
- *1st Choice: Divide along SW 109th - 108th This would include our King County Library, our Fire Station, and several Highline Dist Schools. Could stop on the East end at 1st Ave. So - Possible Choice: Divide along SW 112th to 1st Ave S on East end. Reasons to go to Burien: Most of our services are already with Burien.*
- *Burien to annex all of North Highline except: 1. Set the east boundary along Des Moines Memorial Drive. This would take advantage of the revenue from the businesses in North Highline - including the two golf courses. - Or 2 . Set the east border along 509. Once again this takes advantage of the revenue from the businesses in North Highline. There is a higher concentration of businesses and home (property taxes) west of 509*
- *Scenario A on page 3 or all of Highline/No dividing lines - is acceptable*
- *All or nothing*
- *I prefer scenario A*
- *Leaves Boulevard Park intact I have been told that this community does not want to be broken up.*
- *Yes, annexation for the area north of SW 116th S. No to become part of Seattle.*
- *We want the annexation to happen at N SW 116th St. to divide Seattle from Burien*

- *Between Seattle and Burien would be the pink line. Add SeaTac and Tukwila use 509 (blue) as Burien's east border and SeaTac's west border, and the yellow line as the Tukwila/SeaTac border. Seattle may be interested in the Glendale area.*

## **General Comments**

- *Overall, people who have purchased homes in the Shorewood (and adjacent) neighborhood(s) in the last 1-5 years did so to become part of the Seattle or West Seattle communities, not Burien. Myself and most others I have talked to would be more than happy to pay higher taxes to remain in the city of Seattle. I will not support annexation of my neighborhood into Burien, up to and including selling my home as a result. Additionally, Burien is still defining itself as a city and community, and judging by the "renovated" downtown area and the number of closed or tailing businesses, has a lot to learn about its existing inhabitants. A large annexation in such a diverse area would only compound this problem. Burien still needs to prove it can support and nurture the taxpayers in its current footprint before expanding to more neighborhoods, especially an annexation as large as option B.*
- *NR*
- *I would have liked North Highline to be an unincorporated city by itself, but since that doesn't seem to be available in the options; I want to be a part of Burien. Consequently, either Scenario B or D would be fine. My first choice is B.*
- *I prefer to go with Burien if we can't stay unincorporated. The city hall would be closer and easier to get to, the police would stay the same, as would the library. The schools would be in the city (Burien) that the Administration bldg is - We are much closer to services in Burien than in Seattle. We would also have much more representation in a smaller city (not a small frog in a big pond) in Seattle*
- *We want to stay with the services we already have i.e. garbage, sewer, fire, police. We also live in a unique neighborhood and want to be rejoined with them. We like the idea of a smaller town where government is more accessible, where we are more a name than just a number. We feel Seattle is too big and far too impersonal. Actually, having lived within the Seattle city limits in the past, we know it is too big and far too impersonal. WE will be better represented in Burien! North Highline Fire Department and King County police have excellent response records in our neighborhood. We would hate to lose this. Last, but certainly not least - we like the service and containers for waste management. We do not like the garbage and recycle containers used by the city of Seattle. We want to continue with what we now use.*
- *After discussing the issue of the annexation, it is clear talking with neighbors and hearing much debate that annexation of Highline would be detrimental to the growth (development), value and services to our neighborhoods. The area we live in has seen improvement. To annex to Burien would be a step in the opposite direction. Burien has not had success growing its own community. I have lived in Seattle for 51 years. I have witnessed the stagnant state of Burien's business district over these years. There is absolutely no evidence to support being part of Burien would be any thing but worse for our community here. Burien cannot support its own commerce, with businesses closing regularly almost as fast as they appear. We need continued support which Seattle offers, with White Center near and seemingly changing for the better. Annexation to Burien*



*would be and absolute disaster. We like it here and would hate to move, but if annexed to Burien we would seriously consider it. We will not support annexation to Burien!*

- *I would like to be part of a city (Burien) that provides a sense of community, gives citizen a change to be heard and help this area to thrive again. When I moved here in 1867, Burien was a wonderful place to live. Southcenter hwy 509 and the airport have taken their toll - yes still, Burien is a nice place to live - and the revitalization efforts seen to be paying off!!! - We never go to white center except to drive through it to SSCC. (Correction - do go to London's maybe once/month. We shop and do many things in Burien, every day. Rent post office boxes there. Have done some volunteer work and plan to do more.*

## ***Southern Heights/Boulevard Park Comments***

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *Boulevard Park*

#### **Scenario A**

- *No*

#### **Scenario B**

- *Yes*

#### **Scenario C**

- *No*

#### **Scenario D**

- *No*

#### **Scenario E**

- *No*

### **General Comments (None for Southern Heights/Boulevard Park)**

## *Top Hat Comments*

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *1-Address crime issues (responsive, sensitive). 2-Encourage community participation (representation of all residents). 3-Improve parks, recreation opportunities. 4-Sidewalks!*
- *I would like to maintain quality we have in living in an unincorporated part of King County. I do not want to pay more for less when it comes to services.*
- *The most important is we all get a clear and fair vote of any proposal.*
- *Boulevard Park move to Seattle*

### **Scenario A**

- *This is an acceptable solution.*
- *No to Seattle. Less for more money.*
- *This, in my opinion, would make Seattle "too big". I would support all or almost all of the area going to Burien, including Top Hat, my area.*
- *No.*
- *No.*
- *That is the only scenario we accept. Boulevard Park to Seattle*

### **Scenario B**

- *I do not support this scenario. I do not think Burien has the infrastructure and resources to support our residents.*
- *I would like to know how North Highline would be represented within the Burien City Council.*
- *Of all the current proposals, this one I like the best. I currently do most of my shopping in Burien and feel much more a part of it than Seattle.*
- *Yes.*
- *Yes.*

### **Scenario C**

- *I prefer this scenario. The boundary 'feels' natural. The area south of 116th St. feels like Burien and those residents use Burien services. White Center needs to be a part of Seattle to benefit from the infrastructure and resources available to deal with the diverse issues in White Center (crime, senior services, parks, police/fire, multi-ethnic diverse population, etc.).*
- *A nice "straight line", but I understand it crosses water district boundaries.*
- *No.*
- *No.*

## Scenario D

- *I do not support this scenario because the boundary is not natural, intuitive.*
- *This scenario seems crazy. If you use SW 112th, why not use it to divide all the way.*
- *No.*
- *No.*

## Scenario E

- *I like the idea of our own incorporation - North Highline. Or staying unincorporated!*
- *If I was going to split the area between Seattle and Burien, it is possible South Park might want to go to Seattle. I have always felt this area was "Seattle". Only one person from this area showed up for the meeting today (May 23, 2006), and I do not know how they would feel about this.*
- *No.*
- *No.*

## General Comments

- *I still like the possibility of remaining unincorporated or becoming a separate city. I understand that these proposals have been ruled out for various reasons. I think it is still possible they could be looked at again from various other angles. Of the current proposals, the one I could support the most would be all of the area going to Burien, and as I mentioned before with possible exception of South Park, I have no idea what South Park thinks of this.*

## ***Top Hat/Beverly Park Comments***

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *We have been "cherry picked" enough. We prefer to all stick together. We prefer Burien but would go on alone rather than going to Seattle and their big city problems.*

### **Scenario A**

- *No way.*

### **Scenario B**

- *Our preferred option. Passed twice by our UAC and by the survey conducted by the county.*

### **Scenario C**

- *No way, advantage Burien.*

### **Scenario D**

- *This slows what's best for Burien and Seattle. What about what's best for North Highline?*

### **Scenario E and General Comments (None for Top Hat/Beverly Park)**

## White Center Comments

### Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process

- *White Center neighborhood located at 110th St. and 21st Ave. SW.*
- *My neighborhood is White Center. I'm located on 110th and 21st Ave. SW.*
- *Located at 110th St. and 21st Ave. SW.*
- *First off, I do not consider anything past Aumbaum to be part of Shorewood. Secondly, the most important thing is the maintenance of the existing services: fire, sewer, and police. This would mean the continuance of the special districts for sewer service in the case of annexation by Seattle. No one wants to pay more money for the lower levels of service provided by the Seattle Utilities Department vis-a-vis sewer services. It would mean the continuance of Burien's contractual relationship with the King County Sheriff's Department- for Burien to build their own police force as a separate entity would increase costs enormously, as they would have to assume all the overhead and administrative costs associated with the operation of a law enforcement agency. I could go on about what I believe to be the potential outcomes. What really matters is nobody is giving us any solid information about what will happen should Seattle annex all or part or if Burien should annex any portion of North Highline. How can we be expected to comment when there has been no real plans made by either party with regards to the North Highline area. Having said all this, given the lack of information, and not believing Burien capable of absorbing an area equal in size to itself, the scenarios with any promise for North Highline would be 'A' and 'C'!*
- *Neighbors do not want Burien.*
- *White Center - Looking forward for more improvement in White Center, been surprised at all the work that has been done so far. Looking forward in seeing new homes, new sidewalks, and small businesses coming in.*
- *We live in White Center. White Center has always been for me an extension of West Seattle, and I think it will be important to make sure that our neighborhood be joined to Seattle.*
- *That our services are well-funded and well provided, regardless of annexation. Also, that our property value continues to increase.*
- *North Highline needs outstanding police and fire protection, a low housing density, a small town feeling, support for many of the small businesses in this area and needs to provide the citizens a voice in their city government. Annexing to Burien is the only way to achieve these results.*
- *I would rather not be annexed at all. I would like to stay within King County.*
- *Our greatest concern: Public safety. Having friends and family in the Highland Park area, we have heard a number of disturbing stories about the lack of response of the Seattle Police regarding suspected drug houses. Even when letters were written, response was slow and a general attitude of disinterest was displayed.*
- *We would like to remain a part of North Highline and do not want to be divided up by surrounding cities.*

- *Sidewalks, especially on SW 12th / Improve the appearance of heart of White Center, especially on 16th Ave SW, South of Roxbury / Keep White Center Clean / Require a certain standard for appearance of front yards /*
- *Most important to me is having some say in future decision. If annexed to Seattle, I think our community would have very little say because of our population/ location*
- *Key annexation information must be translated into 13 languages! It must be part of Seattle; Burien is a suburban town, not an urban city.*
- *Services*
- *I live in White Center neighborhood. I'm located at 21st Avenue SW and 110th Street*
- *Human services and economic development of White Center's business district*
- *Annexed to Seattle*
- *I believe that annexation to Seattle would offer my neighborhood ( White Center) more opportunities to grow and improve and to offer Seattle another wonderfully diverse neighborhood*
- *We need a city government that will continue the aggressive investment in White Center. Settle is more likely to carry this load.*
- *White Center is a wonderful ethnically diverse neighborhood which is currently being revitalized. I bought my home in White Center 3 years ago and in that time I have seen many positive changes. White Center's home and business owners have said "enough is enough" when it comes to drugs, prostitution and crime. They are making that call to 911 and the King County Sheriff's Dept is responding. I can now walk the streets in my neighborhood after dark and not be afraid. That was something I could not do when I first moved here 3 years ago. The diligent efforts of the KC Sheriff's Dept. to rid White Center of the "bad guys" is very important to me! If we are annexed to Seattle, we will not be given the same attention from the Seattle Police Dept. That I know for a fact thanks to the monthly "community safety meetings" for White Center - S Delridge, which I have attended since the beginning. The north side of Roxbury (Seattle) continues to see on increase of crime. For White Center to continue its positive revitalization, public safety (police) has to be a high priority. By being a part of a smaller city (Burien) we will continue to receive the attention our area really needs at this time. Seattle cannot handle the neighborhoods it currently has, so please do not send us to be another one of their lost neighborhoods! A good example: In the news today they are talking about the ongoing drug dealing/using in Pioneer Square. I've lived in the Seattle area for 15 years now and it's always been a problem area. Why in 15 years can't the city of Seattle and the Seattle Police Dept. do for Pioneer Square what the King County Sheriffs Dept and White Center residents have done for White Center in less than 3 years?! Another area of concern for me is the housing density. My neighborhood is one of single family homes and my neighbors and i like it that way. Every morning I drive down Delridge to work and everyday more and more single family homes in Seattle are being torn down. They are being replaced by apartments and town homes. So an area once occupied by maybe 2 to 7 people now holds 30 people. Many times these buildings go up next to a single family home. This saddens me to see this happening. Seattle to me is changing its neighborhoods for the worse by allowing this. Mayor Greg Nickels thinks it's a great idea and has encouraged higher density neighborhoods through out the city of Seattle. Burien's municipal codes would not allow that! Yeah! It's also important to me to have a "voice" when it comes to a city government. With Burien, we would have a voice. And again, with*

*city of Seattle, we would just be one of their many little neighborhoods that can be ignored and only wanted by Seattle for the taxes collected.*

- I feel the county is trying to railroad us into being incorporated / annexed. While the options of being part of Tukwila or SeaTac, or forming our own city are no longer viable for the good reason, the idea of staying the same has been quietly dropped and the tone has change from "if" we incorporate, to "which way" we incorporate, deliberately learning the impression that no action is not an options. The King County official have tried to enforce that by threatening outs in services, which I feel are empty threats or are about service of which I feel are of little threats or are about services of which I feel are of little interest at least to me. I say leave us alone!!!!!!!*
- Feels like it 'fits' better to Burien.*
- Economic / Business development / Police presence / safety*
- Seattle provides lots of resources whereas Burien it got nothing.*
- Affordability! I am most concerned about keeping housing affordable for families. If we annex to Seattle, the housing costs will rise to unaffordable levels and price out many people.*

## **Scenario A**

- We choose all together Seattle.*
- Vote for Scenario A.*
- I would like to vote for Scenario A.*
- Vote for Scenario A.*
- This makes sense to me and our neighborhood. Seattle has the tools to change this North Highland area. Make it safer for my kids.*
- Okay, if not a city of our own.*
- With Seattle we could be forced to pay for another monorail that won't be built. The taxes guaranteed to go higher and not know where we stand. Parking enforcement is another problem. When the meters shut off at 55 minutes instead of an hour, how many tickets were written wrongly?*
- I do not wish to annex with Seattle but stay in King County.*
- This would be a good option. It would allow for Seattle to acquire a vibrant neighborhood with great diversity and allow North Highline to take advantage of all that Seattle has to offer.*
- Annexing to Seattle would reduce police and fire protection, increase housing density, remove any small town feeling, B&O taxes would drive out many of the small businesses, and the citizens would have little voice in the city government.*
- No, I do not want Seattle to annex any of North Highline.*
- No! We do not feel that it would be in the best interest of our community to become part of the city of Seattle.*
- We do not want to become part of Seattle. Crime is much higher on the Seattle side of Roxbury than in our neighborhood. Our streets are better maintained by King County than many of Seattle's streets.*
- I would vote for this scenario or C or D*



- *I am opposed to annexation to Seattle. I have heard the arguments in favor of this but personally do not and this in North Highline's best interest*
- *All to Seattle or nothing*
- *Yes! My first choice!*
- *Prefer to move all area in White Center - North Highline to Seattle. Does not want to separate any parts*
- *This would be fine. As long as nothing is left.*
- *All or nothing to Seattle*
- *I would like to vote for scenario A if North Highline is annexed*
- *1st choice*
- *All or nothing to Seattle*
- *We choose all together to Seattle*
- *This would be ideal in my mind we're already a community and it would be nice to keep us together.*
- *This would work for our family. It will strengthen fire services, provide uniform police coverage for White Center.*
- *Do not separate North Highline to Seattle*
- *I do not want to be annexed to Seattle. But if you have all ready made you decision, that no matter which scenario, White Center will go to Seattle. Then I feel all of North Highline should have to go. We can suffer together! Crime is worse on the North side of Roxbury. The SPD does not seem to be able to get a handle on the drug and prostitution problem up and down the deride area. The King County Sheriff's Dept. has made a big difference in lowering crime in White Center. I'm worried what will happen with crime if we become part of Seattle*
- *This is one of the worst options in my opinion. All I have to do is to look at Highline Park immediately to the north to see what being an outskirt part of Seattle will bring to me for the additional costs. And you can't convince me the higher costs won't happen!!!!!! I will vote against this option and will be working with my neighbors to convince them of the same.*
- *I am still weighing up the options - in the end, will decide based on info I received tonight.*
- *I am against this option!*

## **Scenario B**

- *No, we want to be our own city if not Seattle.*
- *I heard they knew about the problem before anything was done. Why would we want to trust those who can't be trusted. I don't trust Burien for many of the same politics.*
- *Prices will be kept lower than if we were to annex Seattle.*
- *This would not be a good option. The additional population of North Highline would overwhelm Burien and would make it difficult to deliver quality services and support all the residents of present Burien and newly annexed populations. Burien is busy with developing their new Town Center; they do not have adequate resources to take on an annexation of this size.*
- *As White Center homeowners, we would not support this!*

- *Annexing to Burien would continue the excellent police and fire protection, maintain the housing density, continue the small town feeling and help our small businesses to thrive.*
- *If we are annexed, I would want Burien to do it.*
- *Yes! We feel this would be the best annexation option.*
- *Since incorporation does not seem a viable alternative due to a small tax base, we're "poor", we prefer becoming part of Burien. Being part of Burien would give us a real voice in governing ourselves. As part of Seattle, we would be lost in a much larger population.*
- *I am against Burien would be overwhelmed with too many people*
- *Of course I would prefer to stay unincorporated as is but also recognize that the community cannot support the wall of services as it currently stands. I believe this option would be our best and is where my vote would go. This would give North Highline a voice in the community something I don't think we'd have if annexed to Seattle*
- *No! 1. The people of Burien don't want us. 2. The Burien officials just want our tax base. 3. Burien provides NO human services. 4. Burien is a suburban town.*
- *Burien does not want all of North Highline*
- *This does not interest me at all. I currently enjoy a Seattle address and would like to keep it. I do all my shopping, medical call and entertainment in Seattle. I consider myself a Seattleite - please*
- *This will not work. Burien will not invest in White Center for fear of competition with Downtown Burien. This is a bad idea*
- *This would be great! We could continue our same fire and police services. White Center would continue on its current path of being a safer place to live. We could then make up half of Burien's population. I've found that with smaller government, it's easier for you to be heard and to make a difference. The neighborhoods of North Highline would thrive as a part of a small community like Burien. They would not be able to ignore North Highline, which would easily happen if we became a part of Seattle.*
- *If annexation is forced upon me, then this is the option that I would support. It's the only one that keeps my residence out of Seattle and I feel strongly about that. But I know that this is going to be the least likely scenario as I don't believe that Burien will be able to take on this large of an addition without some serious financial problems!*
- *I am most in favor of this option.*

## Scenario C

- *No*
- *It goes back to if it isn't broke, don't fix it.*
- *No! I do not believe the areas north of SW 116th Street should be part of Seattle.*
- *This is the best option. It follows the current Burien border at 116th. It allows the southern-most portion of North Highline to annex to Burien where many residents already shop, etc. It allows contingent neighborhoods in the north to go to Seattle where they most closely align and can take advantage of resources. Many residents have no expressed the desire to stay unincorporated. This scenario has the best chance of getting a yes vote as it allows people to annex where they feel most closely aligned.*

- *Our vote would be for this scenario, although we have no opinion about the annexation of Shorewood, so either C or E would work for us. I believe that Burien would have a harder time focusing efforts on another district 'downtown' area, where Seattle easily supports all of its individual neighborhoods. We believe it would be a smoother transition to be annexed into Seattle.*
- *North Highline should not be split.*
- *No.*
- *No, this option places us within the Seattle boundary, not where we want to be.*
- *Please, no division.*
- *I could vote for this*
- *I am opposed to North Highline being divided. I think the entire area should be annexed as a whole*
- *No! Logical only from the point of view of maps.*
- *All or nothing to Seattle*
- *I would be happy with this*
- *If this has to be split, then this would work for me as I would continue to maintain a Seattle address - and all the privileges that allows.*
- *This would work if a split is the only option*
- *This is not ok by me. I do not want to be annexed to Seattle! As a home owner who pays her taxes, please consider White Center being annexed to Burien. Thank You*
- *This option I feel strongly against as I do option "A" for the same reasons. Being realistic tells me that thus is the most likely option to be offered to the voters. This or option "D" Don't won't be part of Seattle!!!!!!!!!!*
- *What a strange border! I live on 22nd, just North of 112th - It's the same neighborhood!!!! 116th feels like a strange border... strange - very strange*
- *I am against any option that divides NHUA.*

## **Scenario D**

- *No*
- *No! It should not. It should stay North Highline.*
- *This is the second best option although the line at 112th is a bit artificial. It does leave the fire station with Burien where they seem to want to go. May pass a vote, but it will be hard.*
- *North Highline should not be split.*
- *No*
- *No, this, too, would affect us negatively.*
- *We don't want to be divided.*
- *I could vote for this*
- *PREFER \*\* Keep library on SW 112th in King County Library System*
- *See comment on scenario C... I do not believe North Highline should be divided.*
- *No! Racism/economic injustice. Burien wants to cherry pick. Shorewood because of its real estate values!*
- *No!*
- *This just doesn't make sense to me*

- *Bad idea! It is Burien grabbing a fire station to serve Burien interests that station should go to Seattle*
- *Again, this is not a good idea! All North Highline should go to Burien!*
- *Same as option "C". Again Seattle?!?!?! God help me!!!!!!!*
- *Yikes!!!! Well, we'll be just 2 houses away*
- *I am against any option that divides NHUA.*

## Scenario E

- *None*
- *No! I do not. Prices will be kept lower.*
- *This keeps the business section of Boulevard Park intact. May be important to consider this. This would be my 3rd option for a split.*
- *North Highline should not be split.*
- *No.*
- *No. We feel the entire North Highline area should be annexed to Burien.*
- *As before, no division.*
- *See comments on Scenario C ... I do not believe North Highline should be divided.*
- *No!*
- *No - I choose scenario C if we must make a split.*
- *If you really want to break up North Highline, why not let the residents of each of the areas decide where they would like to go? Why not look at the recent surveys done. That should give a good indication of where each neighborhood wants to go. Or, voting usually works well, unless you live in the city of Seattle where they have you vote on the same thing several times until they get the outcome they want! Or you vote it down and the city of Seattle does what they want anyway!*
- *Leave all of this unincorporated. A small community with minimal city type services. Sort of "cramped" rural living where people of modest means can continue to afford to live. "Develop, Develop, Develop", an eventually we end up with nothing but the moderately wealthy and above, plus the homeless. Please stop trying to "Californicate" the Northwest. People came here from California trying to get away from all of this kind of stuff*
- *I am against any option that divides NHUA.*

## General Comments

- *We want better police protection. My kids don't feel safe, and I am concerned about night-time problems. Seattle has an interest in our minority population.*
- *NR*
- *We benefit nothing with annexation to Seattle or Burien. King County has kept us with descent police and fire for years. At least with King County, we know where we stand.*
- *It should all be kept North Highline.*
- *My wife and I have lived in White Center for over 37 years. We appreciate the excellent public safety provided. I have participated in monthly meeting regarding public safety for White Center and South Delridge. I do not want Seattle crime to move into our area.*

*Burien City Hall is convenient and the staff are friendly and available to help. I have seen the increasing housing density in West Seattle and Delridge area and do not want to see it moved to North Highline.*

- We've followed the incorporation/annexation debate for some years via NHUAC and community meetings. While we would still have preferred incorporation, the reality is that the tax base that could have supported this has been cherry picked by the surrounding communities over the years. Yes, we realize Burien made previous attempts to annex North Highline and was rebuffed. However, the area has changed and many of us realize staying unincorporated just isn't going to fly over the years. We really love our community finding the people in our neighborhood much friendlier than our previous neighborhood in West Seattle. We've made new friends, share dinners, and work together to clean up North Shorewood Park. Which ever city designates us as a PAA, we want to remain whole - North Highline. However, after numerous hours of studying we would like to be name a PAA by Burien.*
- I think White Center would benefit from the services Seattle has to offer vs. Burien. There are lots of people who live in White Center are they may need special services Seattle could provide that Burien could not.*
- This is typical grad-school project survey. It is culturally inappropriate, has little explanation, can generate all kinds of confusing responses, is scientifically unreliable, but most of all! It is grossly insensitive to the many residents who have lived through colonizers or directors drawing lines on maps to separate families and communities and some have watched their loved ones being killed because of the lines drawn by the powerful. Without a clear understanding of annexation, this is a very inappropriate approach. I sincerely hope that government officials will not use this information as more than just one of the many tools to assess public opinions.*
- FYI: I do love Seattle! I have lived in the Seattle area now for 15 years and this is my home! I just don't feel that my neighborhood belongs with Seattle. We need to maintain our "small community" so that we can work on crime and revitalization. Burien is a perfect fit! I personally shop and eat out more in Burien than Seattle. Burien has great "small town" appeal in many ways. Thank you!*
- The opinions I've expressed here I've done a lot of sharing with my neighbors. The majority of the homeowners seem to agree with me and I think (hope) it will show up in our vote. However, you county officials may have effectively scared them into believing that it's not an option. I guess will just see when the election happens next year.*

## *No Neighborhood Comments*

### **Future of Neighborhood during Annexation Process**

- *We don't go broke paying for taxes on our houses.*
- *My neighborhood is all of North Highline.*
- *If all goes well, nothing will change: schools, libraries, taxes, etc.*
- *I am satisfied as is. Thanks for all the information you have provided.*
- *No*
- *No*
- *White Center needs to go to Seattle*
- *White Center*

### **Scenario A**

- *Yes.*
- *Best answers, we already relate to Seattle.*
- *This is the best choice. It keeps all of North Highline together. North Highline has more to gain becoming part of Seattle.*
- *No.*
- *No thank you. I have lived in Boulevard Park for 20 years and like it the way it is. Prior to that, I lived in Seattle and have seen it in decline since; in many ways to include schools/education, roads, parks and recreation, and public programs.*
- *Yes*
- *That would be fine!*
- *I want Seattle*
- *We like to be part of Seattle. We live near Roxbury, near the fire station and Seattle has been good to people of color*

### **Scenario B**

- *No!*
- *No, there's no money.*
- *This is not a good outcome for North Highline or Burien. The needs of North Highline would not be addressed, and Burien would be overwhelmed.*
- *Lesser of all evils.*
- *I believe it would be more advantageous to be annexed to Burien. Our neighborhood maintains its own private roads so road care is of no importance. Our sewer rates would not increase if we would become Burien.*
- *I would like to see this annexation because the majority of taxes, i.e., sales and property have been going to King County or Burien already and with not a complaint. I do business in Burien and surrounding areas and not in the Seattle area, and this will probably continue. I like the small town feel.*



- *Yes less costly to homeowners*
- *No one option Burien boundary along east-west 106th 107thg and 108th sw*
- *Bad idea*
- *No!*

#### **Scenario C**

- *This works.*
- *No.*
- *This is not a good outcome for North Highline because it splits the community.*
- *No! All or nothing.*
- *No.*
- *Don't give too many different options!*
- *No thanks...I would still be in Seattle.*
- *No, too limiting leaves other areas to Seattle. Seattle will do nothing for North Highline but more low income hi density*
- *Maybe*
- *This could work*
- *OK!*

#### **Scenario D**

- *No.*
- *Not a good outcome; it splits North Highline.*
- *No! It should not. It should stay North Highline.*
- *So Burien would annex to higher valued properties? No, absolutely not.*
- *No thanks...I would still be in Seattle.*
- *North 108,107,106 SW we want to go to Burien*
- *107,106,108sw east and west*
- *This would not work*

#### **Scenario E**

- *Go to Seattle.*
- *Not a good outcome; it splits North Highline.*
- *No.*
- *To include more of Boulevard Park in Burien.*
- *No to Seattle*

#### **General Comments (None for No Neighborhood)**